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TIMES SQUARE HAS A BALL!

By PAUL KUPPERBERG

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Every year as the clock ticks toward midnight on December 31, a giant, glittering Waterford crystal ball of light descends from a flagpole to the roof of One Times Square. At midnight the ball touches bottom, and the crowd of almost one million people goes wild in celebration of the New Year!

This New York tradition dates to 1906 and has come to symbolize New Year's Eve to most of the world.

"But December 31 isn't New Year's Eve for *everyone*," New York-based calendarologist Frank Daley told *Weekly World News*. "Many cultures observe their own New Years on days other than December 31 — and with objects other than crystal balls.

"For instance," Daly said, "on the Jewish New Year, or *Rosh Hashanah*, around mid- to late- September, people gather in Times Square to watch the dropping of a giant, illuminated matzoh ball.

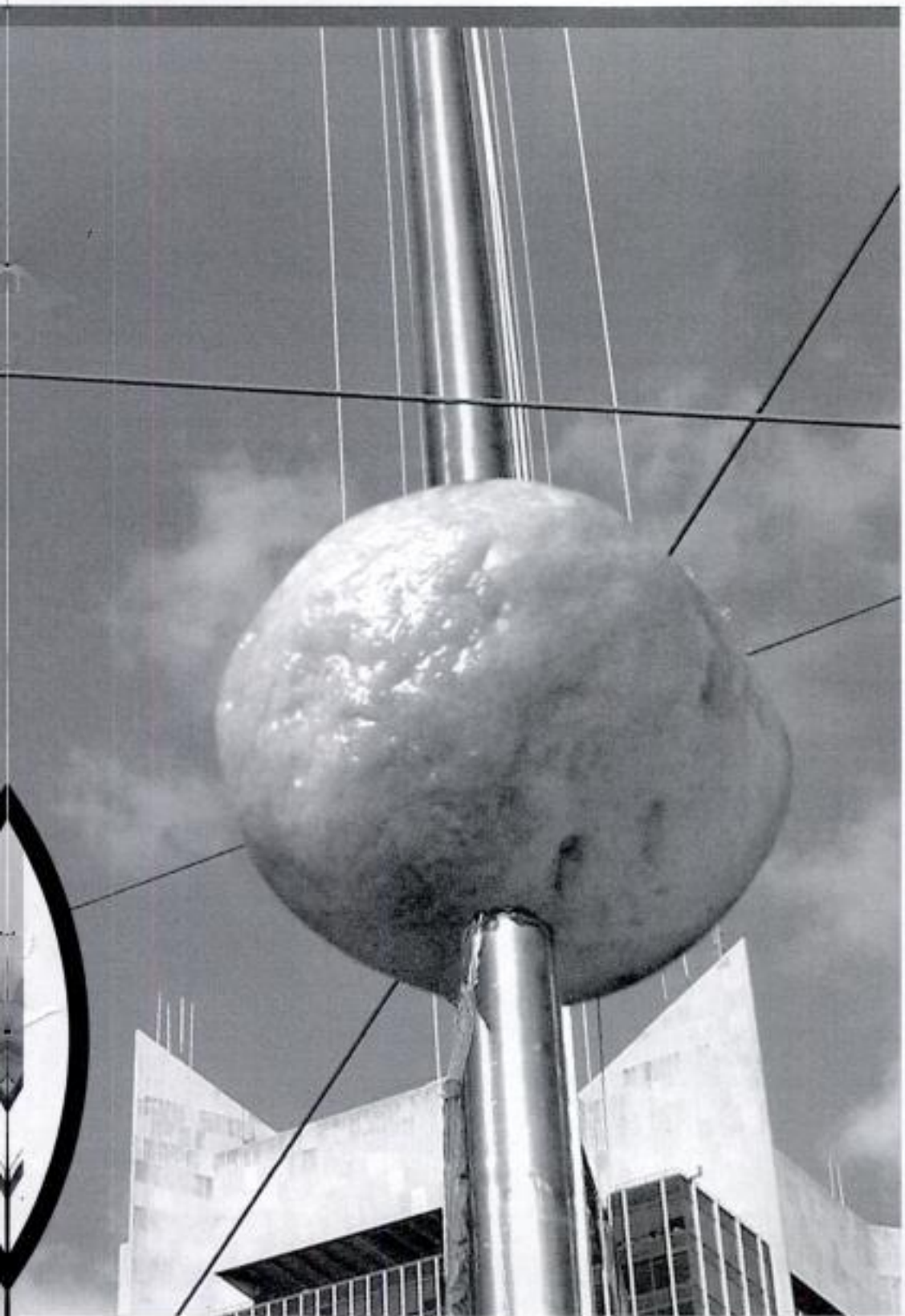
"The Chinese follow a lunar calendar and celebrate their New Year in January or February, which they commemorate with the dropping of a giant dumpling. It's all quite festive. And delicious, since they eat it afterwards."

Other New York New Year ornaments include the Korean *ttok-kuk*, or rice cake soup bowl; *banh trang*, a Vietnamese delicacy which is dropped into a giant dish of dipping sauce, and the mid-April South Indian celebration in which the *vada*, a deep fried doughnut, goes rotating down the spire.

However, a thorough examination of the holiday list showed that the March observance of the Assyrian New Year, *Rish Nissanu*, was missing from New York's calendar.

"Whoops," said Daly. "I guess we dropped the ball on that one. Or in this case, we *didn't*!"

Several of them, in fact!



BREAKING WWN NEWS

DOG EARED

ATHENS, Ga. – Tired of the incessant barking of his neighbor's terrier, TV repairman Joe Tone decided to do something about it.

"I figgered dogs is no different than TV audio components," he said. "They got amps and they got woofers. All I had to do was find a way to adapt a remote to this hound."

Experimenting with various frequency modulators, Tone was finally able to intercept the wave and flatten it. Driving around town on his Harley, he discovered that it worked on every terrier he encountered.

Tone intends to create remotes that work on other dog breeds and sell them under the brand name Mutte.

– Lila Dubinsky

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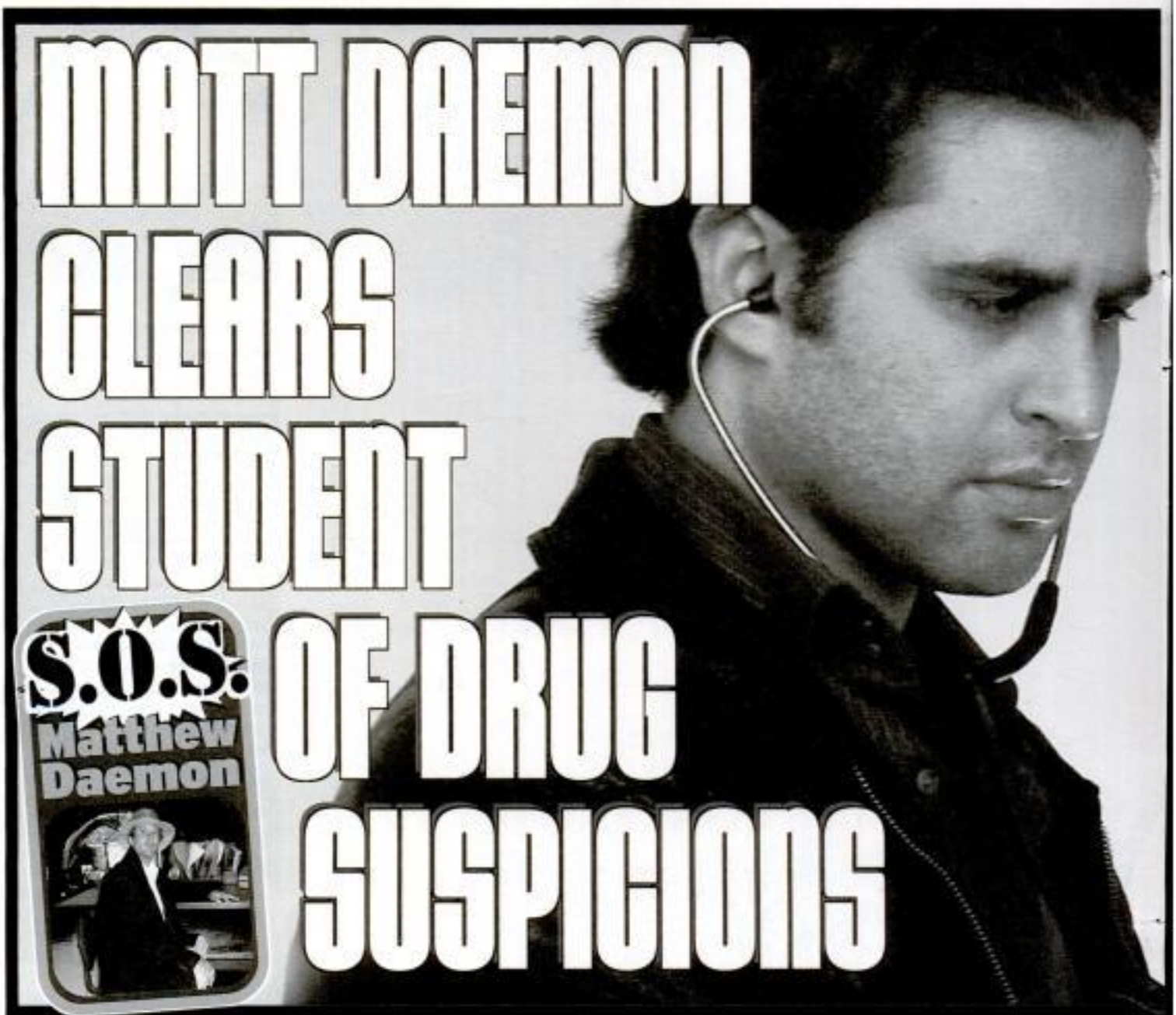

By PAUL KUPPERBERG

PLASTINO POINT, N.Y. — "I knew I wasn't taking any drugs and I was *pretty* sure I wasn't crazy," said the Hayden College student who we are calling 'Jen-X' to protect her privacy. She was referring to the strange nocturnal visitors in her dorm room. "That left only one other explanation — something very, very weird was going on."

Jen-X told *Weekly World News* that these visitations started several weeks ago. "One night, I woke up and there they were — *pink elephants* just floating around my bed!

"I totally freaked and started screaming," Jen-X went on. "My neighbor Stacie came running in and was all, like, 'What's wrong?' Because the pink elephants had disappeared, when I told her what I saw Stacie just looked at me all weirded out and asked if I were on drugs."

Jen-X wasn't on drugs, but the pink elephants kept coming back. Before long, word of her pachyderm sightings spread all over campus finally reaching the ears of visiting lecturer on Cryptozoology, Matthew Daemon, a.k.a. the Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals.

"I did some investigating," the seasoned investigator told *Weekly World News*. "She really is a good student. But she was besieged by other students asking her for hallucinogenic drugs. The campus police searched her dorm room and found nothing, all because of rumors which I suspected were entirely baseless."

Daemon immediately offered his services to the distraught Jen-X.

"She accepted," he said, "and I quickly gathered a stethoscope, a flashlight, and a bag of peanuts and got down to business."

Daemon began a thorough search of Jen-X's room. "I listened for hidden devices in her walls, sought concealed projectors or trapdoors in every nook and cranny – their lenses would have reflected the glare of my flashlight — but found nothing. That eliminated the idea of the elephants being some sort of holographic projection, which led me to believe they might be real."

To test his theory, Daemon

Discovers actual pink elephants in dorm room!

left a tempting pile of peanuts on the desk to see what the bait attracted.

"We shut the lights and hid behind the bed," he recalled. "Within minutes, a herd of little pink elephants came floating through the window and went right for the peanuts. Jen-X took some pictures and we were even able to bag a few — literally — we scooped them into a bag.

"Once we had the evidence in hand, the truth quickly came out," Daemon said. "The problem on campus isn't so much drugs. It's genetic engineers with weird senses of humor."

DESERT DESSERT

HURZALA, Gaza – While covering Middle East phenomena, *Weekly World News* discovered one of the most unusual confections on the planet.

"It's vanilla ice cream filled with spiced chickpeas and fava beans," said chef Bobby Skinner, who sampled the Hurzala specialty Falafel Ice Cream. "It's served in a cone made of sugar-coated toasted pita. The whole thing is really vile."

Locals disagreed.

"It's tasty *and* nutritious," said camel driver Judah Ben-Wyler. "Of course, I usually have a layer of sand in my mouth, so what do I know?" – *Lila Dubinsky*

OVER BREWED

HELL'S KITCHEN, N.Y. – A witch's cauldron bubbled over and flooded the entire floor of her apartment complex with frog legs, leech eyes and newt tongues. Neighbors sued the woman because their home insurance did not cover "acts of odd."

"We had all these creepy creature parts floating around our living rooms and bedrooms," said the irate woman who lived directly across the hall. "Not only did we have to drain that witch's brew ourselves, but insurance wouldn't cover replacement of our soggy furniture! And believe me, it was all under water for quite a spell."

–Dorian Wagner

TYCOON SMELLS BLACK GOLD

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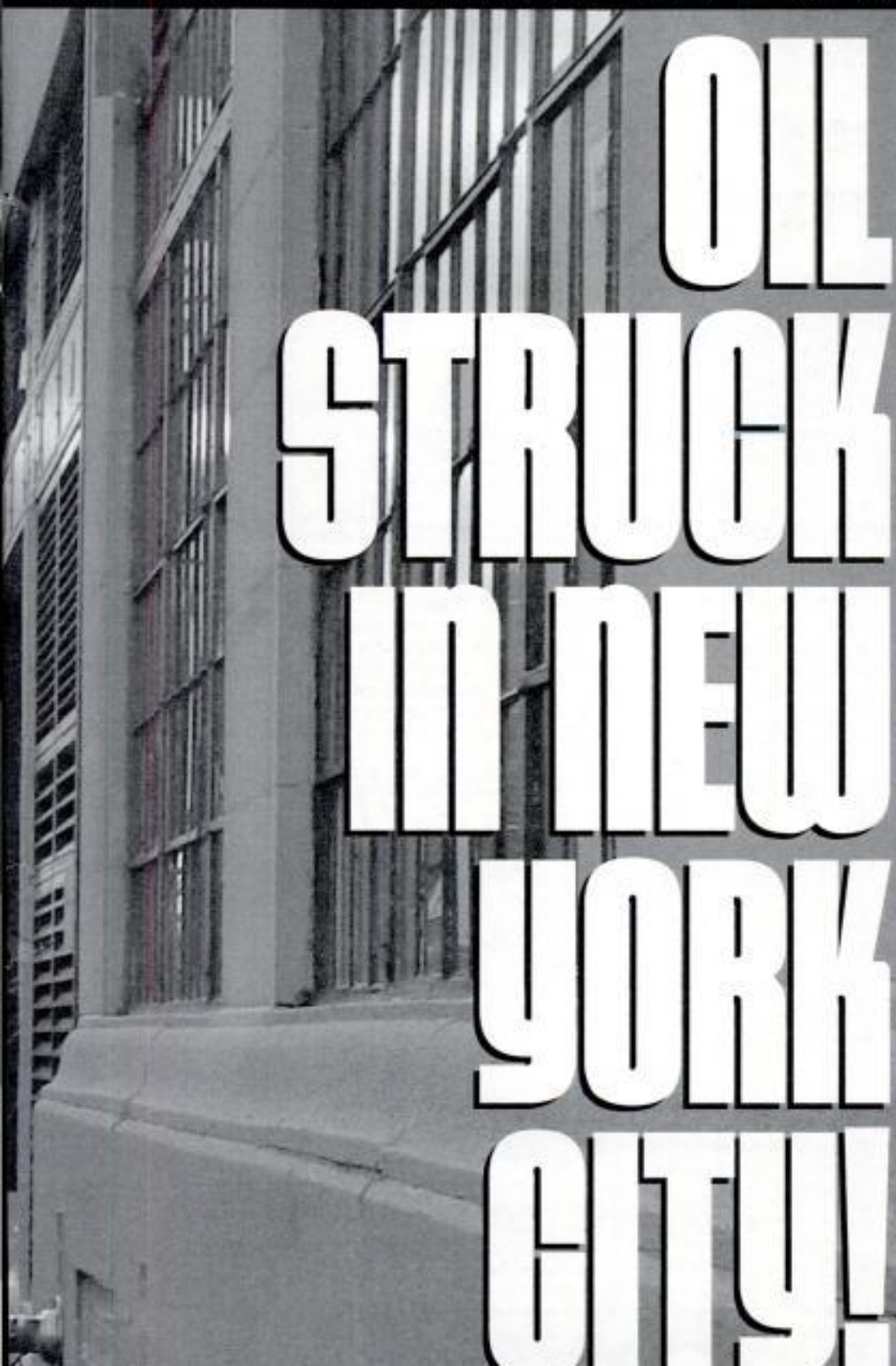

OIL STRUCK IN NEW YORK CITY!

By JIM GRAND

NEW YORK, N.Y. — An oil magnate vacationing in the Big Apple caused quite a stir last week when he smelled something familiar.

"I had just left my hotel when the odor of black gold reached my nostrils," said 'Big' Tom Tuttle of Dallas, Texas. "Instead of going to dinner, I called the foreman of my New Jersey operation and had him send over a rig. I didn't want any of my rivals to get wind of my find."

Tuttle called in favors from City Hall, and within two hours his team had erected a mini-drill on Morton Street in the West Village.

Unfortunately, while the tycoon's nose hadn't deceived him, the operation was a bust.

"He struck oil all right," said hotel manager Fritz Oneida. "Ours."

After the citywide blackout of 2003, the hotel had installed a generator so that guests wouldn't be inconvenienced. What Tuttle smelled was the thousand gallon tank being filled.

"The tank will have to be replaced," Oneida added, "since his steel bit put a five-inch hole in the side."

Tuttle was unapologetic.

"Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose," he said. "In this case, it

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AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck has consented to share his remarkable predictions in a weekly column:

2012
MIAMI, Fla.
Jewish chemists discover a compound called 'shofar dioxide.' Pharmacists use it as an over-the-counter drug to treat heartburn, which cures many 'acidic' Jews.

2013
SHANGHAI, China
The Chinese government creates a program that trains soldiers to capture sellers of pirated movies and music. This 'bootleg camp' teaches soldiers to identify real DVDs from pirated versions by

FASHION FORWARD

Fashion continues to be an important focus in the world of tomorrow, which is full of innovative clothing.

2007
SAN DIEGO, Calif.
Individuals who want to increase their height a few inches wear giraffe necks instead of turtle necks. The stiff fabric actually stretches the vertebrae. This is perceived, by some as part of a conspiracy to increase the length – and cost – of neckties.

2008
BOSTON, Mass.
To save luggage space for traveling, clothing now comes in a spray can. Coats of paint become a short-lived fad, however, when faulty nozzles cause people to make the sleeves too long.

2008
BOSTON, Mass.
The remaining spray cans of clothes are sold to pet stores when it's decided that dogs can always use fresh pants.

2009
CLEVELAND, Ohio
Since people *will* stare, fashion moves to first aid as drug stores start selling designer band-

forcing them to listen to the painful commentaries to be found only on the genuine articles.

2014
TOPEKA, Kan.

Due to the increasingly high divorce rate, the U.S. government adds term limits to the institution of marriage. Just as drivers licenses are renewed, marriage licenses must be renewed every three years. This process is called a 'three-nuptial' agreement.

2015
HARTFORD, Conn.

In an effort to attract spiritual men, devoutly Christian women wear a new religious-scented perfume. Called 'Myrrhmaid,' the scent of piety also repels atheists.

2017
CHICAGO, Ill.

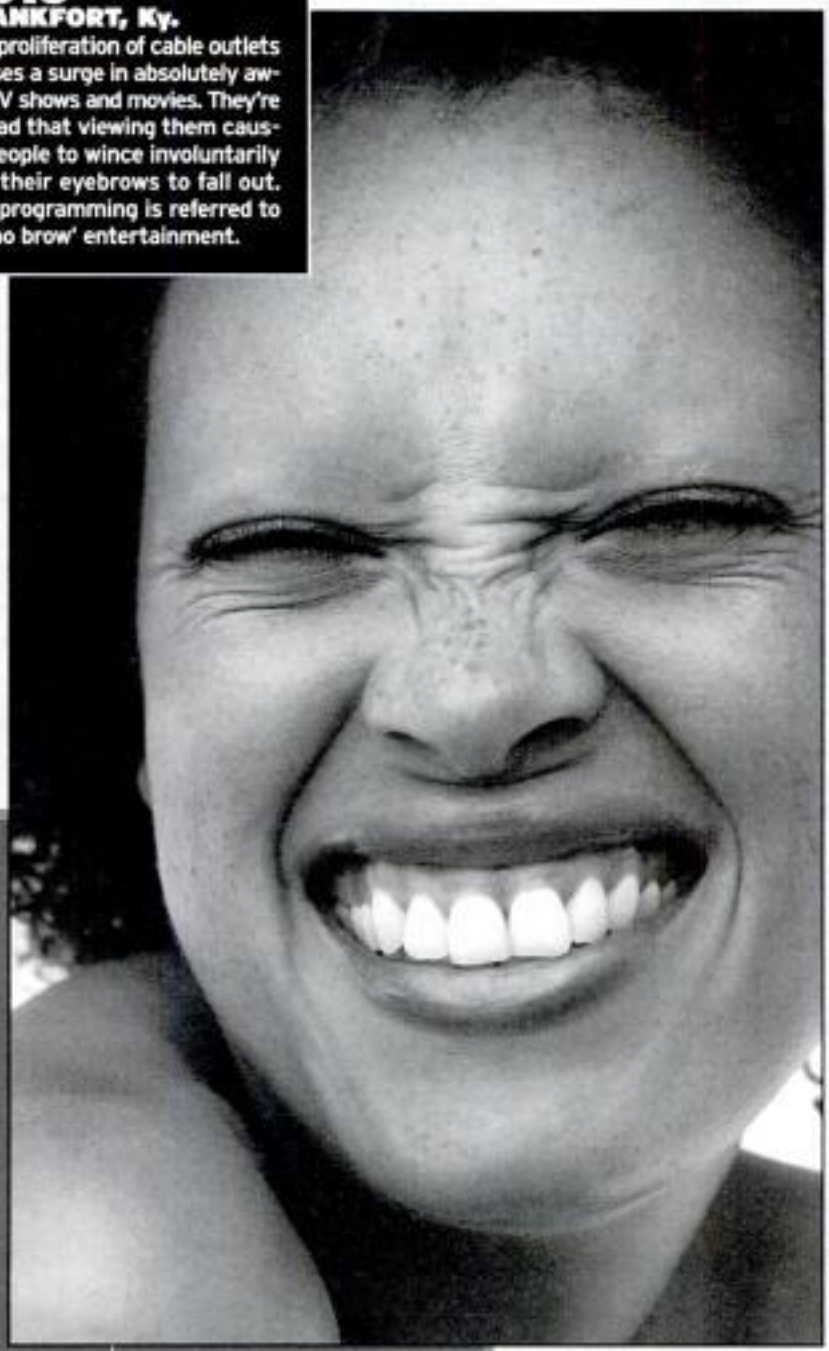
Despite the proliferation of singles events, many nerdy people still have trouble getting dates. To solve this problem, coordinators hold gatherings in libraries. The 'Do We' System creates a new generation of empowered bookworms.

2018
MANHATTAN, N.Y

After years of being used to predict the future exclusively for *Weekly World News*, the value of hot mustard for precognition becomes public knowledge. Because too many people abuse the technique for selfish ends, hot mustard becomes a prescription condiment only made available to

2016
FRANKFORT, Ky.

The proliferation of cable outlets causes a surge in absolutely awful TV shows and movies. They're so bad that viewing them causes people to wince involuntarily and their eyebrows to fall out. The programming is referred to as 'no brow' entertainment.



ages to make injuries look more attractive. Now, people can literally dress their wounds.

2010
ATLANTA, Ga.

To save money on clothes, consumers begin to wear trench coats and 'only' trench coats. The necessity becomes a craze as many people wear the garments to make a 'flashin' statement.'

2011
LOS ANGELES, Calif.

On the 100th anniversary of the first silent comedy, classic films make a comeback. This resurgence of slapstick inspires

people throw pies at each others' clothes to decorate them. The 'pie-dye' craze is short-lived, perceived as another conspiracy as people lick their garments clean, quickly outgrow them, and have to buy new

TECH NEWS

2021
TEL AVIV, Israel

Scientists at the Israeli Institute of Videography design a monitor with five times more resolution than other TVs. Called 'chai definition,' these screens actually pick up broadcasts from heaven.

2022
HOUSTON, Texas

Scientists build a new modem which enables online access to data that originates on other planets. The 'outernet' quickly gives way to the Blackholeberry.

2023
HOUSTON, Texas

Everything old is new again. The 'outernet' allows human singles to be rejected by entirely new species.

2019
MONTGOMERY, Ala.

To help overweight people slim down, the Everything Is Jerky Company offers cupcake jerky, pizza jerky and pancake jerky, among others. Not only does the toughness of the food cause people to give up and consume smaller portions, but the hard and constant chewing burns more calories.

2020
DOVER, Del.

Drug stores sell a popular new sedative that calms tempers and prevents needless debates. The brand-named Arguemint also

WWN ARTS SECTION

CEL BLOCK

Cartoonist brings 'man-topian' vision to silver screen

By JIM GRAND

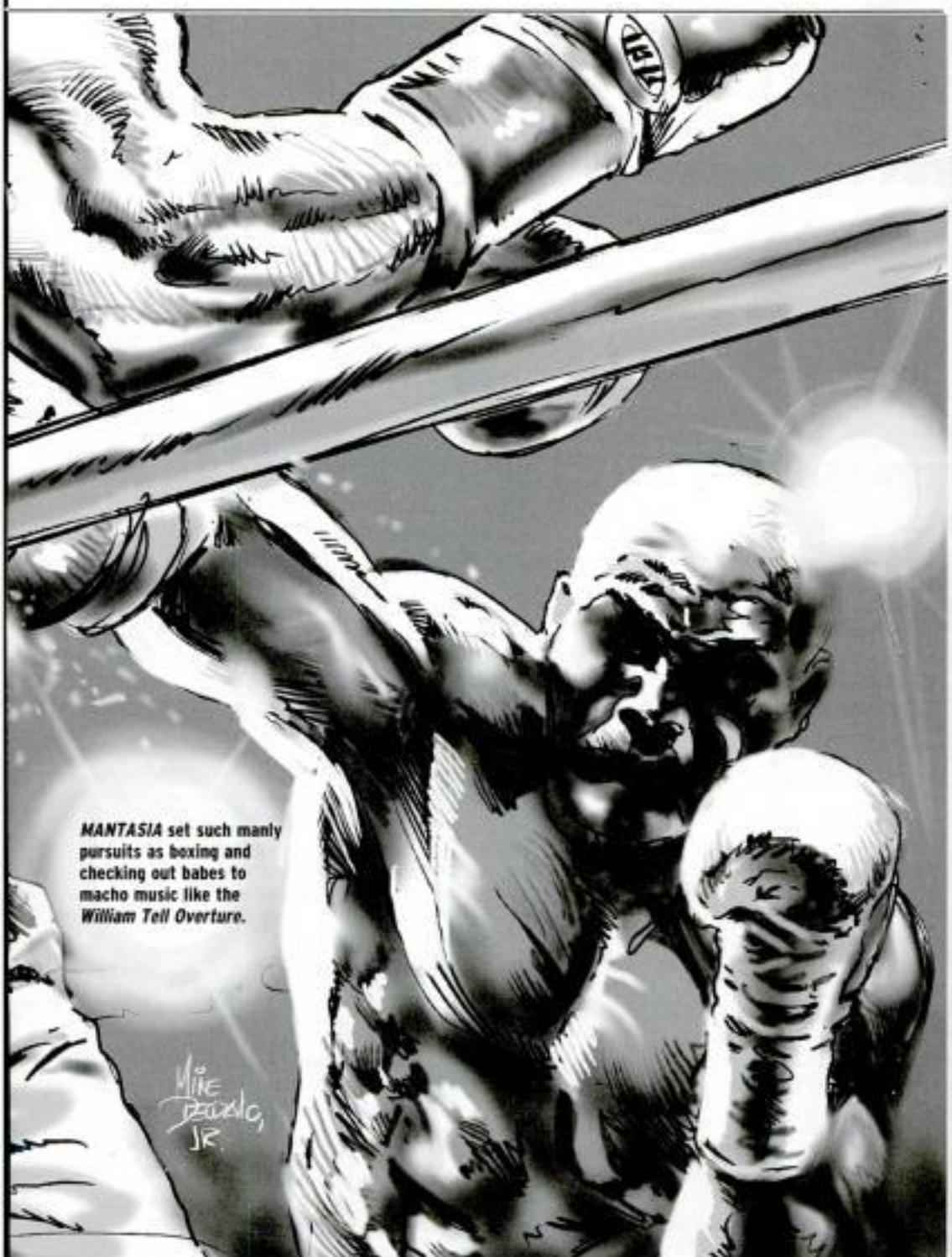
HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The world's most openly virile filmmaker, thirty-two-year-old Rock Steele, has just completed a labor of love, a paean to males called *Mantasia*.

"It's a cartoon set to manly classical music like Rossini's *William Tell Overture* and Grieg's *Hall of the Mountain King*," said Steele. "Each segment shows athletes bench-pressing, construction workers watching the girls go by, prisoners escaping from a stalag, boxers knocking each other into next week — that sort of thing."

Steele, whose previous films include *Sweating Sweat, Not Until You Hurt*, and his Maanes Film Festival award-winning short, *Shorts*, was inspired to re-

scribed as 'sissified.'

"I wanted to make a film that sweats, that takes the celebration of testosterone to a level that would make James Bond drop out of the race."



MANTASIA **set such manly pursuits as boxing and checking out babes to macho music like the *William Tell Overture*.**

tant that young boys have role models other than hulking but sympathetic ogres, toy cowboys and toothless sharks. It's equally important that women not *expect* men to be like that. Not if

When asked when and where *Mantasia* will be playing, Steele sneered, "Men will find it. A real man doesn't *ask* for directions."

For his next project, Steele

"so-called heroes who 'investigate' stuff instead of knocking out teeth or 'tough-guy' spinal surgeons who get stranded on an island and captured by wusses.

PROFUCIUS

YUNAN, China – Historian Fai Sung recently discovered the work of an unknown Chinese philosopher, writings on rice-paper which were buried in a paddy more than 2,500 years ago. The damp mud preserved the leather-bound folio in which they were stored.

"The author was a contemporary of Confucius, whose famed works emphasize morality, justice and sincerity," said Sung. "However, these writings are much different.

"The ancient philosopher, whose name was Profucius, viewed the world in a somewhat less balanced way than Confucius.

"For instance, Confucius said 'The superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his actions,'" said Sung. "Profucius believed it is better to 'Tell everyone you encounter how magnificent you are. That is not arrogance, it is honesty – and we are all the servants of truth.'"

Confucius also believed that perfect virtue was comprised of five traits: Gravity, generosity, sincerity, earnestness and kindness.

"Profucius, on the other hand, believed there were only three: A healthy carnal appetite, a healthy appetite at meal time and long naps between."

Sung theorized that Profucius' ideas may have been popular with the royalty, while the common people preferred Confucius – which is why the latter has endured.

"It's likely that Emperor Wen ordered Profucius' work hidden, lest every man aspire to the noble class," said Sung. "And it's perhaps for the best. If Profucius' ideas had been allowed to spread, China might have become more overpopulated than it already

SUPER JAWS!

MONSTER SHARK TERROR!

By DICK SIEGEL

NEW SOUTH WALES, Australia — Deep within the frozen wastes of Antarctica, a gigantic, unstoppable eating machine has been unleashed on an unsuspecting world!

"Thanks to global warming, oceans worldwide have increased in temperature," forty-year-old marine biologist Tom Nesbitt told *Weekly World News*. "In October, these unstable weather patterns created a severe storm system in the Gulf of Alaska. This storm generated a massive ocean swell that traveled 8,300 miles south to the other end of the globe — the very coast of Antarctica."

Nesbitt was in the region, leading an international expedition studying migratory habits of penguins, when the wave struck.

"Our sixty-foot research vessel, the *Tsuburaya Maru*, was anchored near the world's biggest iceberg, the B-15A, when the Alaskan swell hit," he recalled. "I was on deck supervising a camera crew — which was setting up on an ice floe — when the waters became extremely choppy. Chunks of ice began to cascade from the three hundred foot-high precipice into the sea.

"The massive iceberg shuddered violently from the initial impact, and then again, more violently, as a crack appeared in its north face. The fissure spread, splintering upward with a deafening rumble until the entire berg was latticed. A moment later, the massive iceberg split in two! Great shards of ice smashed into the deck as we ran for cover. Trapped on the iceberg, the camera crew kept shooting the destruction as long as they could. Those gallant souls were researchers to the last!"

Nesbitt ran below and as he watched the video on his monitor he saw it.

"Emerging from the fissure was the greatest great white shark that ever lived," he said. "It was the size of a blue whale and twice as vicious, its evil teeth gleaming in the frosty air. As it splashed into the sea, the monster cast a black, soulless eye in our direction!

"At first I was overcome by the sheer majesty of the briny leviathan, which was obviously a precursor to the modern shark. But then I realized — as did everyone else onboard — that those super jaws were hungry!"

There was no time to rescue the stranded camera crew.

"The beast's jaws opened wider. Our video feed went dead — along with the bold men who had been sending it. The crack of rifle fire reached me as the ship's crew began shooting at the big shark. I ran on deck, aft of the crew, taking pictures as bullets glanced off its smooth, thick hide. We would have needed nothing less than an artillery shell to penetrate that skin!

"The shark churned through the floes, picking up speed as it swam faster and faster on an apparent collision course with us," Nesbitt recalled. "The titan was about to ram us when, suddenly, it dove beneath the *Tsuburaya Maru*.

"For a moment I thought we might be spared," Nesbitt continued. "However, an instant later the vessel lurched upward! Because I was astern — and closest to the floe — I was thrown onto the ice, suffering nothing more than a broken arm. I watched as the impact from the shark's snout split us in two, sending the crew and my own team high into the air.

"The ship crashed back down, sending men and cargo into the frozen waters. Not having fed for millennia, the shark quickly filled its horrible maw with shrieking crew. Their screams suddenly were silenced and, with a mighty splash of its tail, the monster disappeared."

Nesbitt clung to the ice where he passed out. Fortunately, the radio operator had been able to send out a distress signal. Scientists from a Russian base received the message and sent a ship to collect the sole survivor.

"The shark has not been seen since," said Nesbitt, "and there are people who think I faked the photographs for publicity — that the *Tsuburaya Maru* was simply lost in the Alaskan wave.

"They're wrong," he said. "And if the navies of the world don't do something soon, hundreds — perhaps thousands — of people will be dead wrong!"

NOVEMBER OF THE PENGUINS!

THE ULTIMATE SPRING BREAK!

By ERIC FROST

CALETA OLIVIA, Argentina — Every winter, emperor penguins make an arduous journey across the Antarctic to find a safe and frigid place to mate and raise their young. It takes a great deal of effort, and can be very stressful for the penguins. That's why one filmmaker has followed them in the secret period that follows their yearly trek. What he found is most astonishing.

"My documentary will be called *November of the Penguins*," said filmmaker Rick Oswald. "It shows that every year the birds continue marching . . . right to warm climates for a long vacation.

"They gather on the beaches of Argentina, where they are quite a tourist attraction during our southern spring and summer," said Manuel del Fuego, manager of the El Ritzi in this resort on the Atlantic. "We even let them use the hot tub. The guests think they are so adorable!"

"Despite what people think, most Antarctic animals hate the cold," said Oswald. "They only tolerate it because they can't get away. Unless you give a polar bear a lift, it's not venturing far from shore. But penguins have north on calved chunks of ice. That is what my film is about."

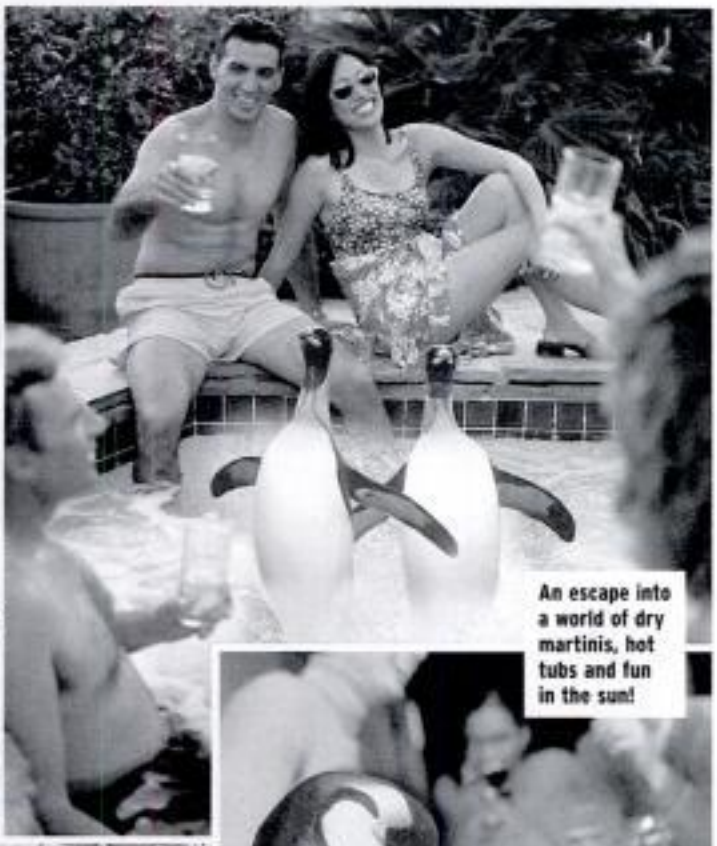
While the guests are charmed by the polar birds, their behavior is sometimes a little startling.

"It was weird watching penguins waddle past the bar and sample martinis," said Sara Duncan. "I assumed they would have preferred frozen margaritas."

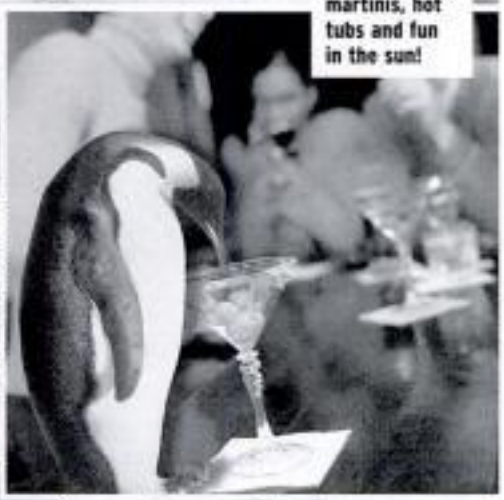
"The maitre d' thought it would be funny to have them wait tables," said guest Julie Poppins. "The penguins got a little huffy and walked away. I don't blame them. They were on

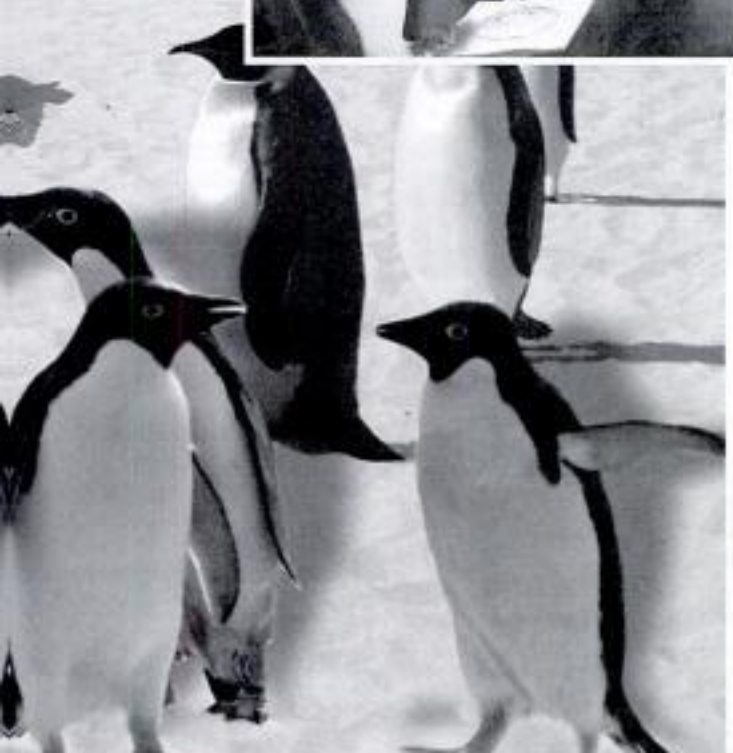
The penguins are genuinely happy and relaxed in this environment, though a different side of the animals emerges when it's time to go home.

"I have a great deal of footage showing the unhappy penguins hitching rides on boats and stray icebergs back to the Antarctic," said Oswald. "I don't know if I'll use it. There were a lot of fights. It's an ugly thing, seeing



An escape into a world of dry martinis, hot tubs and fun in the sun!





LEWIS, CLARK & SCHWARTZ?

THIS WEEK IN 1803 HISTORY

MOUNT VERNON, Va. – Eager to learn more about the North American continent, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to undertake an expedition to the American Northwest. The men gained an extensive knowledge of the geography of the region, catalogued new species of plants and animals and encouraged fur trade in the West, among other achievements. However, it has recently come to light that there was originally a third member of the so-called Lewis and Clark expedition.

"In Oregon, we recovered a notebook that had fallen from Lewis' backpack during the trip," said Professor Benjamin Rawling of the American Historical Research Center in Washington. "The small volume was found in a ravine and describes the outset of the expedition – and the hands-on participation of a gentleman named Jacob Schwartz."

Lewis' journal explains how President Jefferson insisted that the two rugged explorers take an attorney with them on their journey.

"Jefferson realized that Lewis and Clark might need to negotiate trade agreements, settle land disputes and write treaties," said Rawling. "Both men were soldiers and not legally minded. Despite their protests that a 'cotton pants' would slow them down, the historic trek into the American wilderness began as the Lewis and Clark and Schwartz Expedition."

Lewis and Clark's reservations about their partner were validated at the end of the first week.

"They had only gotten as far as St. Charles, Mo., when Schwartz was lost," said Rawling. "They went to sleep one night and the next morning he was gone.

"It turns out that Schwartz woke up to answer the call of nature," said Rawling. "He walked a few yards from the camp and, half-asleep, got completely lost. He spent the next forty years wandering the American northwest. We know this because he eventually made it back to Washington and was debriefed by President John Tyler."

Fittingly, Schwartz was hired to handle both Lewis' and Clark's estates when the great explorers passed away.

Hi, Dolly

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MY MOM ALWAYS CHOOSES MY BROTHER'S SIDE

HI, DOLLY: I am thirteen years old and I am having trouble with my mom always choosing my brother's side. Last year my brother turned fifteen and he can get away with anything. If I were to do the same thing as him but not near as bad I would get in trouble. And when he does something sick and nasty, I tell my mom and she gets mad at me for telling on him! Save me! — C in Knoxville

Dear C: When I was growin' up, I had a girlfriend in the same tight spot as you. Her mama was mean to her, so she used to come over to my house most every day. My mama would talk to her and feed her and give her hugs. That's what saved her til she was old enough to leave home. Maybe you have a friend whose mama will 'adopt' you until this situation improves? I know that would help.

Why does my beau dislike his brother?

Hi, Dolly: My boyfriend never had a good word to say about his brother. Well, his brother dropped by the other day when I was there and I thought he was great! He was funny and thoughtful and creative (and not bad looking). I don't understand this. I wonder if there's boyfriend that he could be so cold to his brother, or if the brother isn't really the nice guy he seems to be when you first meet him. What do you think could be going on? — Miriam in Aurora

Dear Miriam: It's hard to say without seein' the family in action. Maybe this is about siblin' rivalry or maybe, as you suggest, the brother is the world's biggest charmer — and con man. The more important question is how does your boyfriend treat other folks that he knows well? Is he critical? Cold? And most important of all, how does he treat you? In the early days of a relationship he ain't likely to show any bad side of himself, but now that you've sniffed somethin' a teeny bit suspicious you'd best be on the lookout.

Should I give up on finding a good man?

Hi, Dolly: I'm forty-one years old, single, and have stumbled from one dead-end relationship to another. I'm ready to give up but friends tell me I shouldn't. They say that on-line dating services work for a lot of people, as do playing sports and volunteering and a whole bunch of other things. Do you think I should try again or would I just be wasting my time? — Vera in Blooming Grove

Dear Vera: It depends how much you want to be paired off. no amount of huntin' would be a waste of time, especially if you're willin' to compromise as to what you're lookin' for. You also might look at those dead ends and see what they had in common. That will tell you what to avoid. Of course, being coupled ain't always the dandiest thing in the world. You might be one of those folks who has a better time doin' what you want when you want, even if you're mostly alone. Maybe that's why you never found no one. (Though as a single gal pal o' mine is fond of sayin, 'Their loss — No one's

I'm going to visit my first love

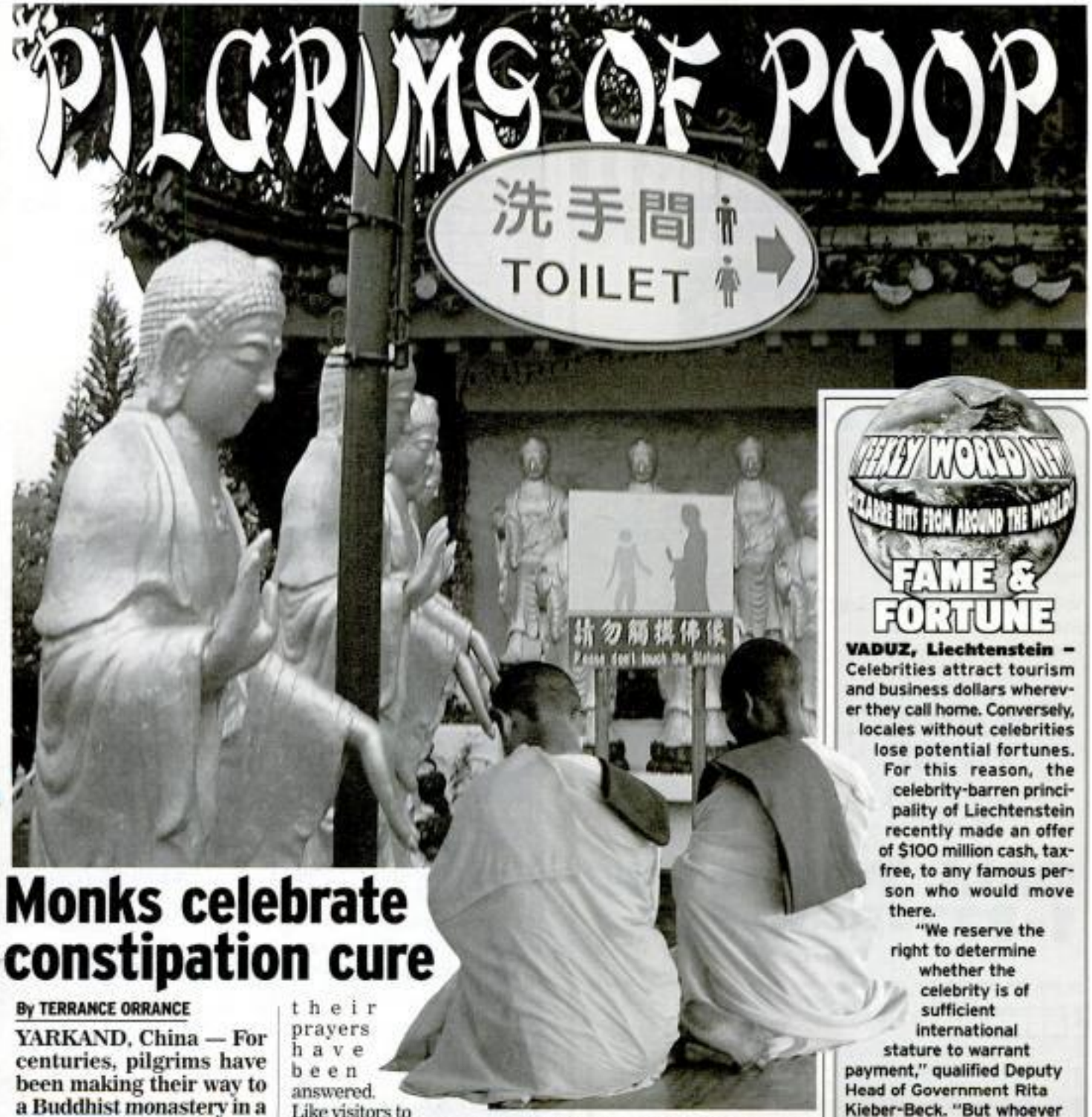
Hi, Dolly: When I was in college, I fell in love with a wonderful woman. She liked me, too, but it was the first big love for us both and she got scared. A short time later she married someone else. Eventually, so did I. We stayed friends. Now we're both divorced. She lives in London and I'm planning to visit her soon. I'm excited and scared. I've never met anyone I loved more than her. Do you think this could work out now, or am I just fooling myself? — Leon in Freeport

Dear Leon: In my experience, there ain't nothin' as strong as first love. There's no tellin' what will happen, sugar, but when you go to London don't go expectin' nothin'. See what happens and take your cues from your lady friend. Don't go faster or further than she's willin' to go and you'll have a better chance of bein' with her in the long run.

WRITE TO DOLLY

Send Dolly your letters and questions – and let her tell it like it is. Write to: Hi, Dolly, c/o Weekly World News, P.O. Box 3036, Boca Raton, Fla. 33431-0236 or e-mail her at:

PILGRIMS OF POOP



Have these penitents eaten too many bowels of rice (*Weekly World News*, Dec. 4, 2006)?

Monks celebrate constipation cure

By TERRANCE ORRANCE

YARKAND, China — For centuries, pilgrims have been making their way to a Buddhist monastery in a remote part of China to seek relief for a painful ailment.

"They light incense, pray and eat with the monks in order to rid themselves of constipation," said Abbot Stoo Prun. "Our diet consists mainly of bok choy, beans and melons. No bananas."

After three or four days on their prayers have been answered. Like visitors to Lourdes and other western shrines who leave their no-longer-needed crutches behind as testimony to their cure, successful pilgrims to Yarkand present the monks with their symbolic handfuls of mud, which the monks mold into gilded effigies of Buddha.

"At least, we hope it is mud," Thousands of statues line the steep path leading to the monastery.

There is no set fee to stay at this holy place. Donations are requested, though the monks support their work primarily by selling locally-produced CDs of performances by wind instru-

FAME & FORTUNE

VADUZ, Liechtenstein — Celebrities attract tourism and business dollars wherever they call home. Conversely, locales without celebrities lose potential fortunes. For this reason, the celebrity-barren principality of Liechtenstein recently made an offer of $100 million cash, tax-free, to any famous person who would move there.

"We reserve the right to determine whether the celebrity is of sufficient international stature to warrant payment," qualified Deputy Head of Government Rita Kieber-Beck. "But whoever accepts our offer will not only be a big fish in a small pond, he or she will be adored daily throughout Liechtenstein."

While celebrities contacted by *Weekly World News* agree it's a generous deal, there's one drawback.

"You have to live in Liechtenstein," said one. "I can't even spell it."

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By DICK SIEGEL

Every week the reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* unearth astonishing trivia while researching the terrific stories you read in our paper. Here's a sample of some of our recent discoveries:

● William Russell Frisbie's pie tins made his Frisbie Pie Company world famous. Frisbie opened for business in Bridgeport, Conn. in the 1870s. Some seventy years later, students from nearby Yale University began using the pie tins to play catch. The lightweight tins, embossed with the company name, continued to be tossed. Finally in 1957, Wham-O caught on and used the concept for their "Flying Saucer," dubbed the "Frisbee."

● When people were described as "mad as a hatter," they were referring to an actual medical condition. "Hatter's Shakes" resulted when 19th-century hat makers were continually exposed to a toxic solution used in treating felt. Mercury poisoning affected their central nervous systems. Among other symptoms, hatters developed a palsied tremble and mixed up words when they spoke.

● Many people know that Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president of the United States but fewer know that James Madison, at 5 feet, 4 inches, was the shortest president!

● When people here order lattes, they're asking for a caffeinated beverage. Try

IA The first toy to be advertised on television was Mr. Potato Head in 1952

ordering a latte in Italy and you might be surprised by what you get. "Latte" is the Italian word for milk.

• Only the first lady has been foreign born, John Quincy Adams' wife, Louisa was born in London.

• While Bugs Bunny chewed and swallowed his carrots with gusto, his voice artist, Mel Blanc, despised the taste and would spit out his carrots after recording the crunching.

• Three times the height of Mount Everest, Olympus Mons holds the record for being the largest known volcano in the solar system. Tourists can expect to find this natural wonder, approximately the size of Arizona, on Mars.

• Today, significant home-run balls fetch big dollars as noted by Philip Ozersky selling Mark McGwire's record-setting home

though, Babe Ruth only had to shell out $20 to buy his 700th home-run ball from a fan.

• Fearing that space exploration might triumph over cinematic glory, famed director Stanley Kubrick tried to buy insurance from prestigious Lloyds of London to protect his epic *2001: A Space Odyssey* from being overshadowed. Lloyds refused the request.

• Ever use an "ideolocator?" You did if you ever found the "You Are Here" arrow on a map.

• Kangaroos can only jump when their tails touch the ground.

• Despite the name, a peanut is neither a nut nor a pea. It is actually a legume.

• During the early 1500s when potatoes were first imported to Europe from the New World, people feared that spuds would cause leprosy and wouldn't eat them. All that changed when France's King Louis XVI began to serve them. He was looking

his starving people.

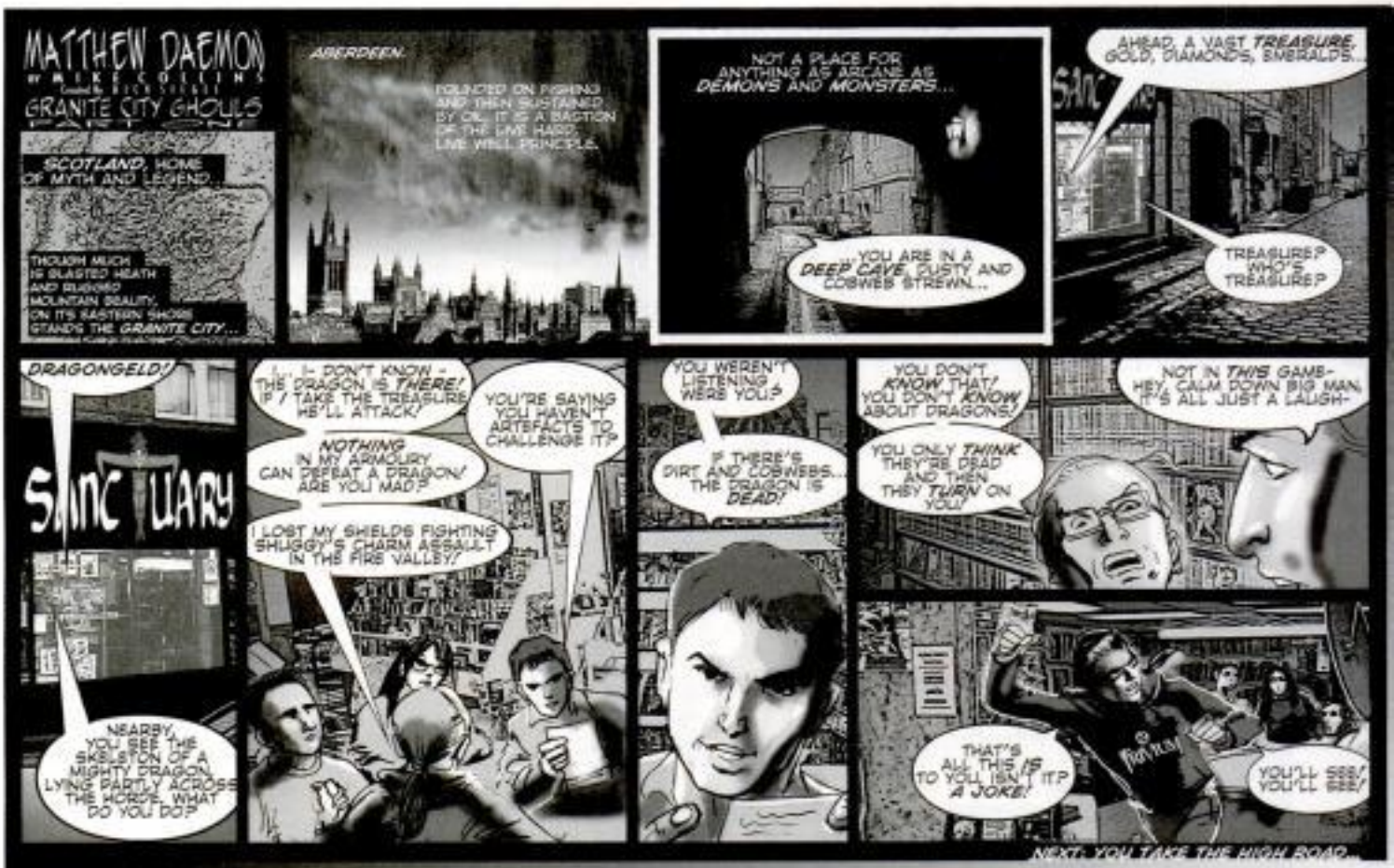
• Fingerprints evolved to provide human fingers with traction when they grasp things. Today they remain one of the best law enforcement aids for hunting criminals.

• Following her physician's advice, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt consumed three chocolate-covered garlic balls each morning. The theory of the day was that the combination would help improve memory.

• Few presidents have been shot and only two were attended by the same physician. D.W. Bliss was one of sixteen doctors to try and save Abraham Lincoln's life in 1865. Sixteen years later, in 1881, the Army doctor was on hand to care for James A. Garfield.

• Europe is the only continent without a desert.

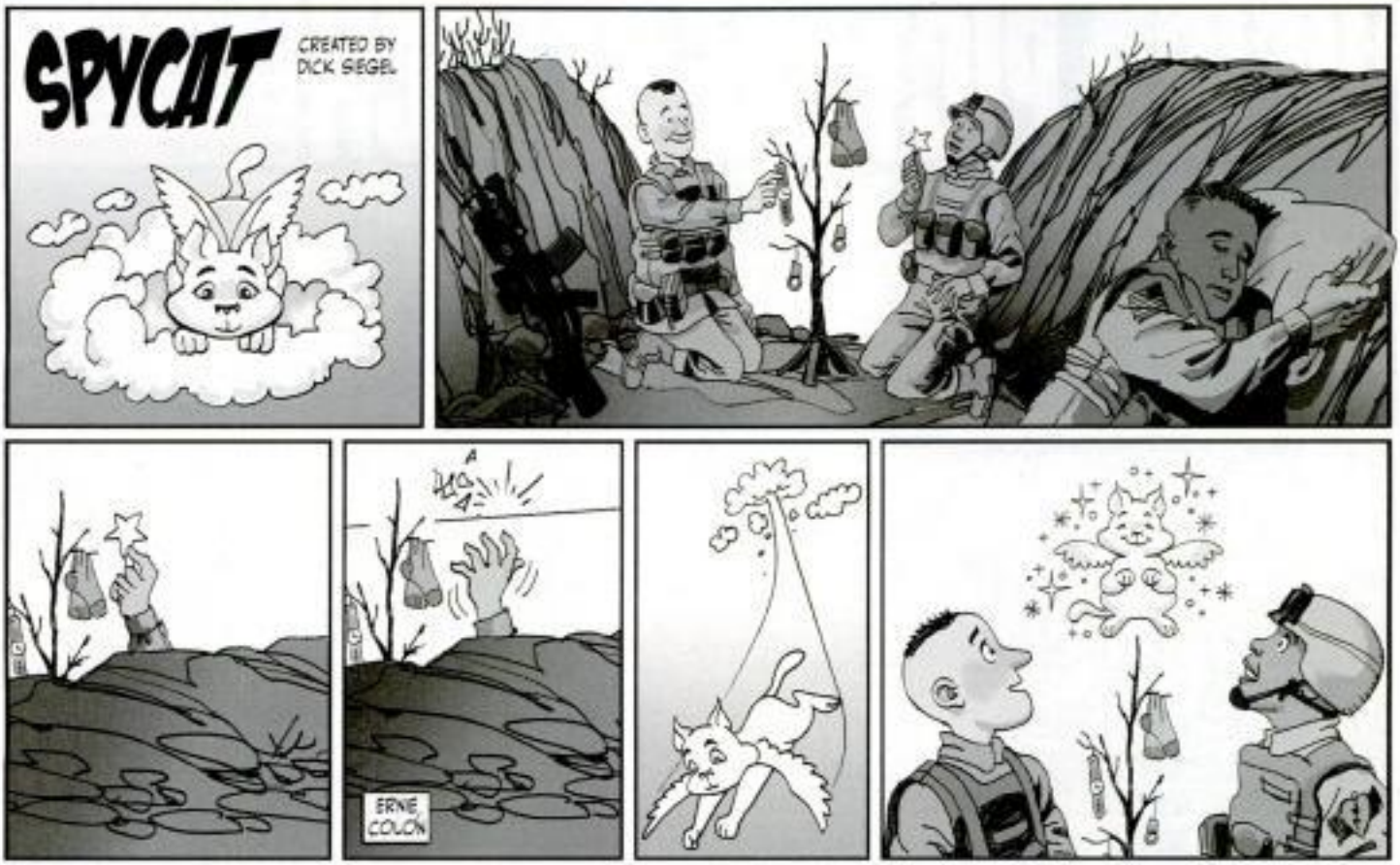
• Twice the size of the Rock of Gibraltar, "El Capitan" rises 3,000 feet vertically. Located in Yosemite National Park, it's


MATTHEW DAEMON
BY MIKE COLLINS
GRANITE CITY GHOULS
SCOTLAND, HOME OF MYTH AND LEGEND...
THOUGH MUCH IS BLASTED HEATH AND RUGGED MOUNTAIN BEAUTY, ON ITS EASTERN SHORE STANDS THE GRANITE CITY...
ABERDEEN.
FOUNDED ON FISHING AND THEN SUSTAINED BY OIL, IT IS A BASTION OF THE LIVE HARD, LIVE WELL PRINCIPLE.
NOT A PLACE FOR ANYTHING AS ARCANE AS DEMONS AND MONSTERS...
YOU ARE IN A DEEP CAVE, DUSTY AND COBWEB STREWN...
AHEAD, A VAST TREASURE, GOLD, DIAMONDS, EMERALDS...
TREASURE? WHO'S TREASURE?
DRAGONGELD!
SANCTUARY
NEARBY, YOU SEE THE SKELETON OF A MIGHTY DRAGON, LYING PARTLY ACROSS THE HORDE. WHAT DO YOU DO?
I... I- DON'T KNOW - THE DRAGON IS THERE! IF I TAKE THE TREASURE HE'LL ATTACK!
NOTHING IN MY ARMOURY CAN DEFEAT A DRAGON! ARE YOU MAD?
I LOST MY SHIELDS FIGHTING SHUGGY'S CHARM ASSAULT IN THE FIRE VALLEY!
YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVEN'T ARTEFACTS TO CHALLENGE IT?
YOU WEREN'T LISTENING WERE YOU?
IF THERE'S DIRT AND COBWEBS... THE DRAGON IS DEAD!
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT! YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT DRAGONS!
YOU ONLY THINK THEY'RE DEAD AND THEN THEY TURN ON YOU!
NOT IN THIS GAME- HEY, CALM DOWN BIG MAN, IT'S ALL JUST A LAUGH-
THAT'S ALL THIS IS TO YOU, ISN'T IT? A JOKE!
YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL SEE!
NEXT: YOU TAKE THE HIGH ROAD...

AT LAST, I'LL BE REUNITED WITH MY ALIEN BABY! AT LAST I--
DON'T WORRY, STACEY! I'VE BEEN MIND WIPED PLENTY O' TIMES, IT ACTUALLY GETS TO BE KINDA REFRESHING!
I... I'LL BE... HUM! WHAT WAS I JUST THINKING ABOUT?
S-SOMETHING ABOUT A BABY, MAYBE?
WE'RE APPROACHING THE SUBJECT! PREPARE TO SET 'ER DOWN.
WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING WITH THE E.T.! THESE READINGS ARE GOING OFF THE SCALE!
STAND DOWN! FALL BACK! THE OPERATION'S OFF THE TABLE 'TIL WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
Hmm... WHAT WAS IT?
U-URP!
ALIEN BABY

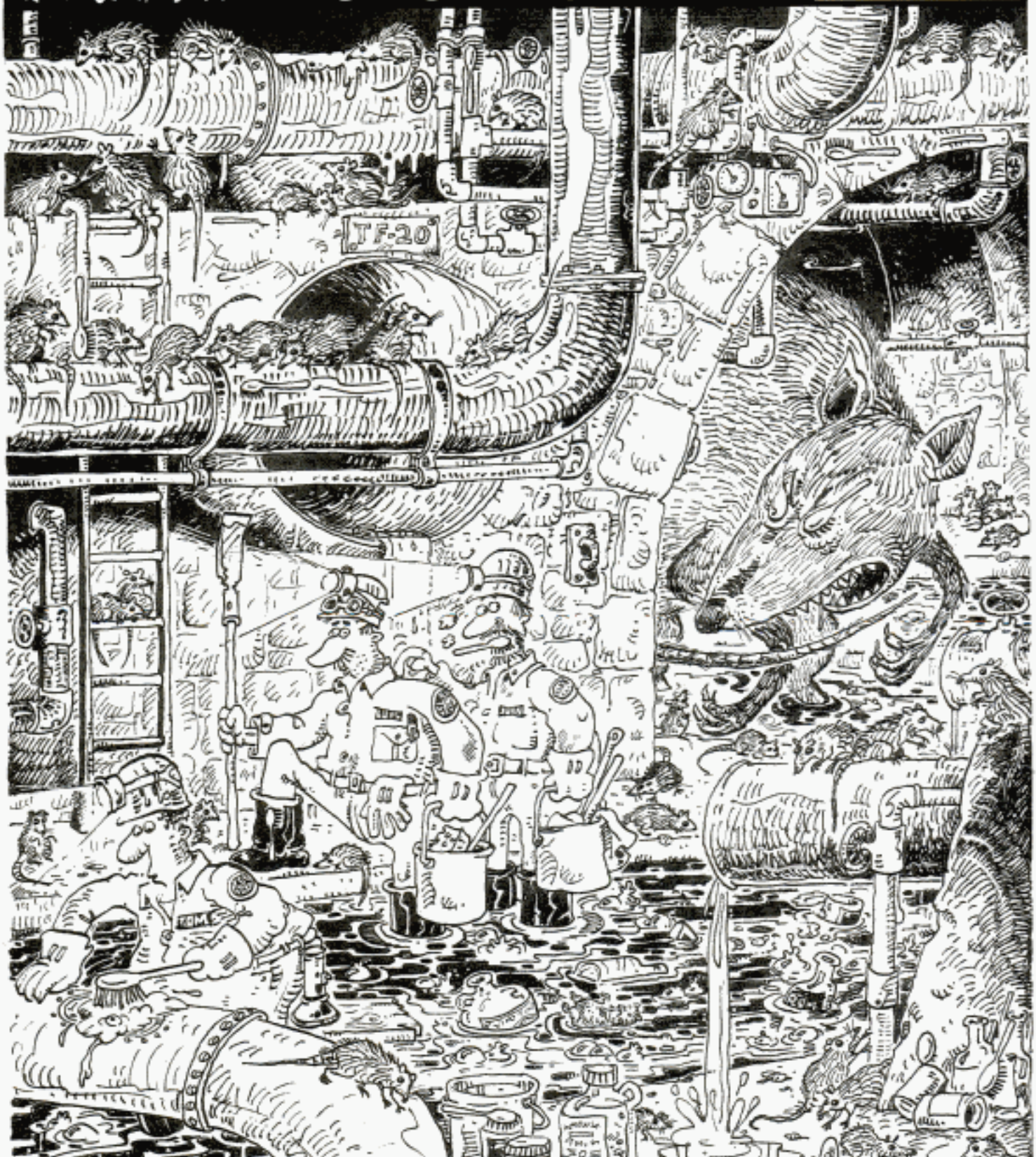
SPYCAT

CREATED BY DICK SIEGEL



WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find 10 brushes hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragonés? Check next week's issue for the answer key!



DUELING CRANES

BREAKING NEWS

MANHATTAN, N.Y. – Trouble arose high above the site of a new municipal building last week when two competing construction companies arrived to finish the exterior.

"They had no business being there," said Speedy Lockley Construction foreman Ralph Lockley. "We were asked to do the glasswork two months ago."

"They had a promise from the city, but we had a contract from the contractor," said Super Efficient Builders foreman Joe Gisbourne. "There was no way we were going to let these guys take it from us."

Rather than spend tens of thousands of dollars in court, the foremen decided to settle the dispute the old fashioned way: With a duel. Both men sat at the controls of their cranes and began bashing each other with the fifty tons of metal.

"His technique was impressive," said Lockley. "He parried my thrusts without losing the plumb bob of his hook."

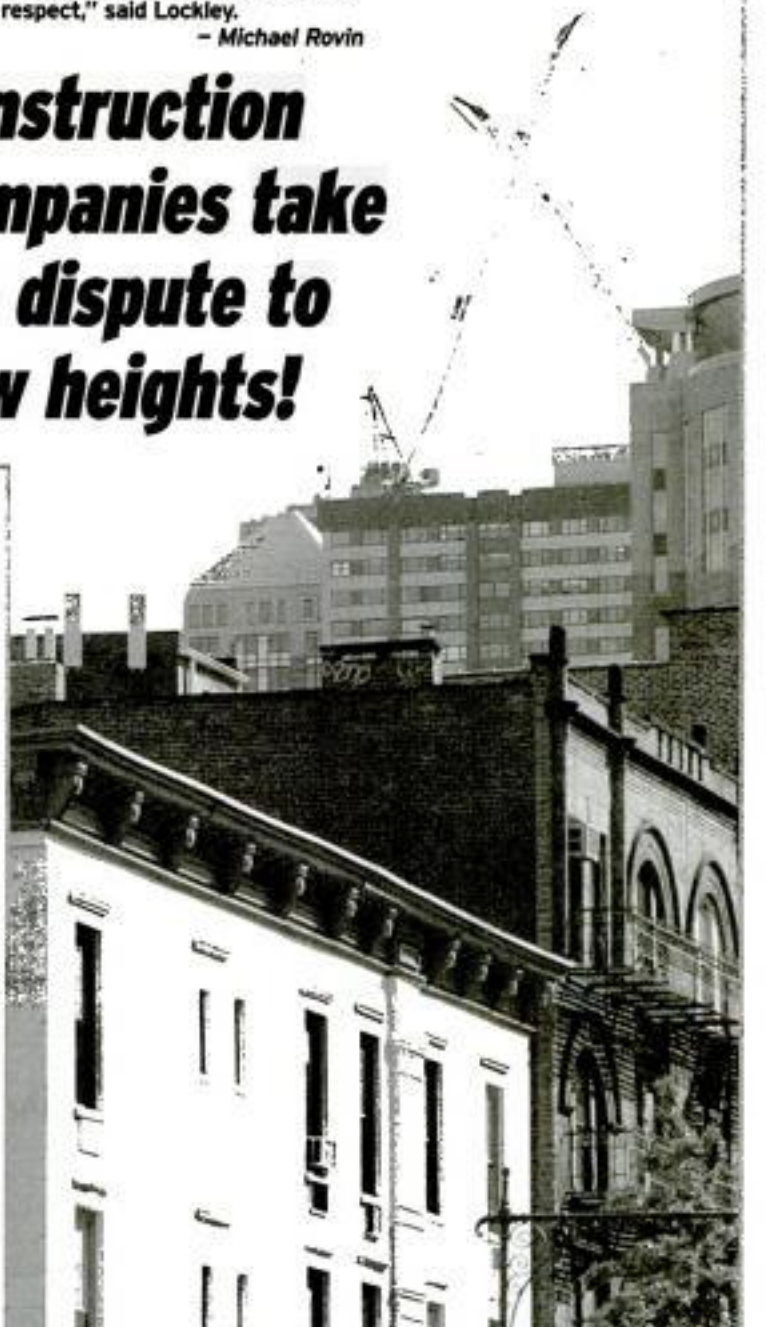
"He knew how to handle a crane," said Gisbourne. "If he builds as well as he fences, he could become one of the best in the city – right behind us."

After an hour of clashing cranes, the duelists accepted a draw and agreed to finish the task together.

"I think the most important thing we built was mutual respect," said Lockley.

– *Michael Rovin*

Construction companies take job dispute to new heights!



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THE BIGFOOT DIET!

BUGGY CREEK, Ga. — "I've been a Bigfoot fan all my life," videogame designer Noiman Chalmers told *Weekly World News.* "I've tried for years to meet him without luck. ("Furry Admirer Seeks Bigfoot," www.weeklyworldnews.com). After your paper revealed that Bigfoot spends the winter sequestered in his native wetlands, I headed south myself."

By DICK SIEGEL

Deep in the Okeefenokee Swamp where Bigfoot was last spotted ("Bigfoot vs. Aliens!" *Weekly World News,* April 17, 2006), the vacationing Chalmers set up base camp.

"After a few days of seeing nothing but alligators and

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Sasquatch's slimming secrets revealed!
CONCERNED anthropologists invited Bigfoot to their facility for a complete check-up after the dramatic weight-loss.
AFTER
BIGFOOT IS NOW SLIM AND SVELTE!

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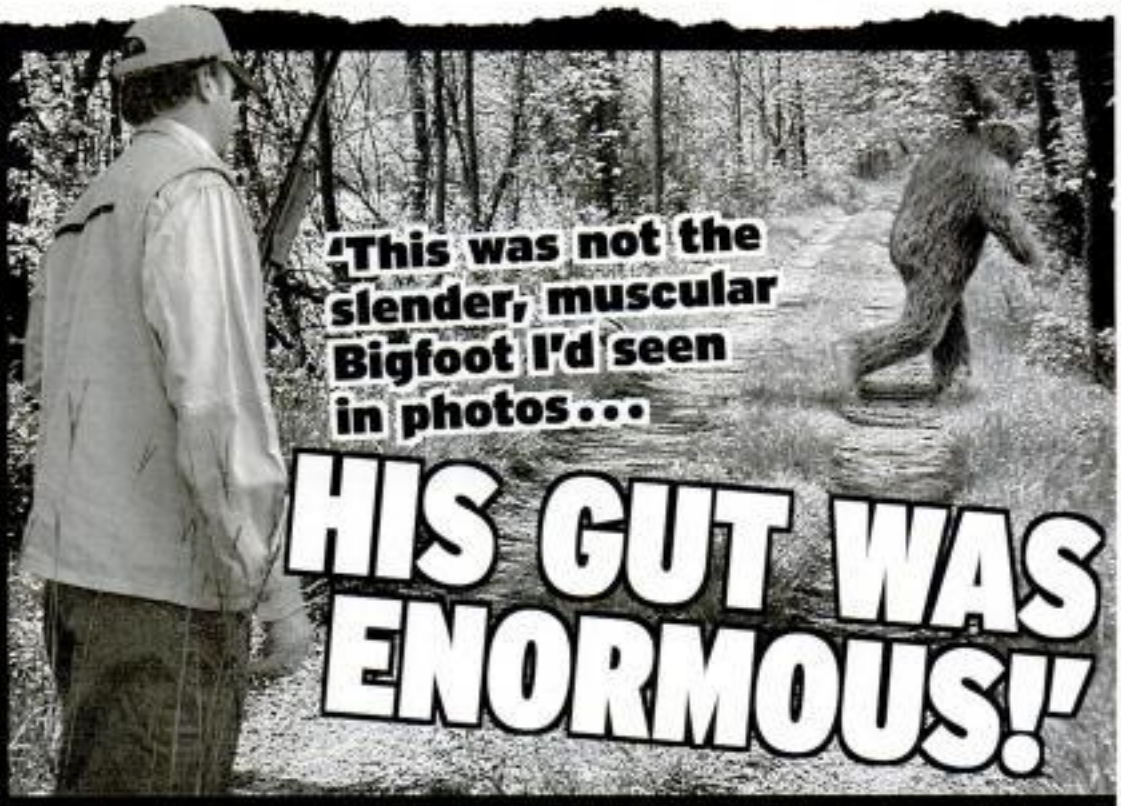


'This was not the slender, muscular Bigfoot I'd seen in photos...

HIS GUT WAS ENORMOUS!'

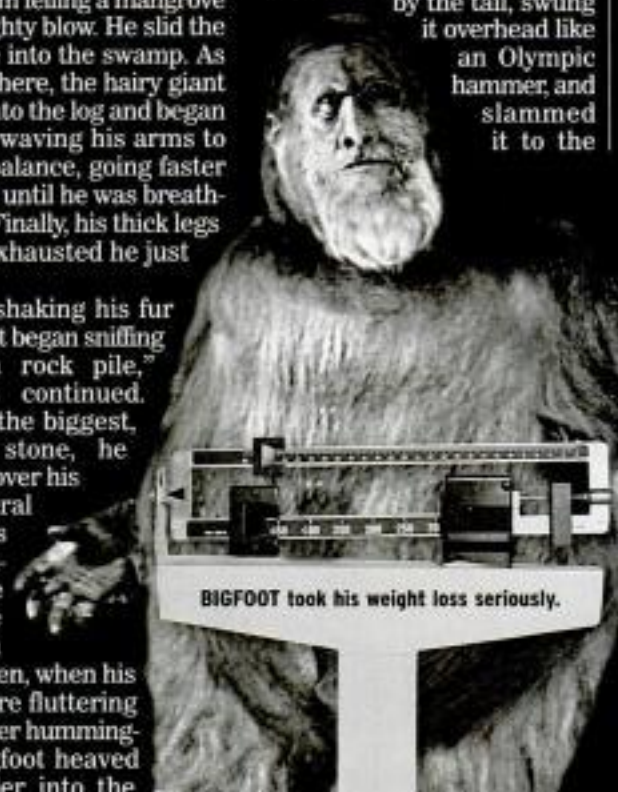
possums, I was getting pretty discouraged," he said. "As I was about to pack it in, I heard a savage bellow erupt from the cypress grove. I scampered up a tree to hide. Though I wanted to try and communicate with the elusive creature, I also didn't want to surprise or antagonize him.

"Pushing through thick brush, Bigfoot emerged into the sun-dappled grove," Chalmers went on. "But this was not the slender, muscular Bigfoot I'd seen in photos. Oh no. His gut was enormous! Like the rest of us, Bigfoot had evidently indulged in a little too much holiday cheer, eating wild turkey and raw sweet potatoes and packing on pounds. However, as I watched, he suddenly grunted loudly, bent over, and touched his massive toes. Then he did it again. It took me a few moments to realize that Bigfoot was *exercising!*

"First he did a toe-touching, backbone stretching routine — not unlike Pilates or yoga. After limbering up, Bigfoot really got to work. He did a series of roundhouse kicks that culminated in him felling a mangrove with a mighty blow. He slid the fallen tree into the swamp. As it floated there, the hairy giant jumped onto the log and began rolling it, waving his arms to keep his balance, going faster and faster until he was breathing hard. Finally, his thick legs were so exhausted he just fell in.

"After shaking his fur dry, Bigfoot began sniffing around a rock pile," Chalmers continued. "Finding the biggest, heaviest stone, he hoisted it over his head several times. His arms trembled more and more with each thrust. Then, when his biceps were fluttering like monster hummingbirds, Bigfoot heaved the boulder into the bog with a splash!

"Unfortunately, *that* riled a napping alligator, which scuttled ashore, charging the one who had disrupted his sleep. Bigfoot welcomed the challenge. As the enraged carnivore leapt at him, Bigfoot grabbed it by the tail, swung it overhead like an Olympic hammer, and slammed it to the ground! Then he wrestled the dazed creature into a scissors hold, locking it tight between his furry thighs. Bigfoot continued to loosen, then tighten his grip. He did this over two dozen times before releasing the alligator, which fled.



BIGFOOT took his weight loss seriously.

"Then Bigfoot took a well-deserved snack break. I thought he'd head to the nearest chicken coop but instead he nibbled on a handful of healthy, low-calorie swamp berries. After that, he plucked a minty green leaf from the shore, chewing it like chaw. The leaf must have been an appetite suppressant because I didn't see Bigfoot eat again."

Sated, Bigfoot looked up at the sun and abruptly ambled in the direction of Buggy Creek. The timid Chalmers slid from his tree-top perch and followed the shaggy behemoth at a safe distance. The giant might be overweight, but he could still snap a man like a pretzel stick.

"Bigfoot brazenly power-walked under a sign that said Joe Buck's Turtle Farm. There, he leaped all four hundred and fifty pounds onto the rear of Mr. Buck's pickup. The axles groaned something fierce. Within seconds, angry Bucks poured from the house.

"At once, Bigfoot broke into a run," Chalmers said, "those immense, hairy legs propelling his ample girth. The farmer and his sons followed, cursing in his wake as he disappeared into the thick morass. I later learned that since Thanksgiving, Bigfoot had been doing a 'redneck run' like this every day at noon.

"I stayed in the area another two weeks," Chalmers recalled. "I didn't see him again 'til I was breaking camp. I heard squawking in the distance and saw Bigfoot chasing geese! At first I wasn't sure if it was the same Bigfoot. But I checked the markings on the fur against photos I'd taken. It was him all right. He'd lost all that excess weight — more than sixty pounds! Bigfoot was lithe again, his toned muscles rippling through tawny fur."

Returning home, Chalmers decided to follow in the rather large footsteps of his hero.

"I joined a gym and hit it hard, just like Bigfoot," he said. "Next time we meet, I might be fast enough to catch him!"

KRAKENS CORNER HOTEL GUESTS

LAST WEEK'S PICTURE SEARCH SOLUTION

Remember? You were supposed to find 10 hockey pucks hidden in the cartoon.

Hot tubs no longer safe!

ALSTAHAUG, Norway — A squid infestation has forced the closure of Hollerheim Suites' flagship hotel.

By BERT SIMS

"The creatures are viscid enough to dart through the hotel's narrow plumbing," said squid abatement expert Erik Pontoppidan. "They surface in guests' bubble baths, coil hapless bathers in their tentacles and vanish again in a deadly but invigorating whirlpool."

So far, no guests have been seriously hurt, though one bather did emerge, wet and dazed, from a bidet three rooms down the hall from his suite.

"In all of these cases the kraken was successfully repelled with a loofah," Pontoppidan explained.

"But it's just a matter of time before the aromatics and concentrated nutrients of bath syrups and body butters induce a fatal attack."

Pontoppidan traced the infestation to improper disposal of a calamari shipment. "The hotel's chef has since been fired," he said.

The expert plans to release the squid's natural enemies, sperm whale calves, into the water pipes.

Some guests, however, think Pontoppidan is overreacting.

"I don't think there's a real threat here," said businessman James Hennteye, who mistook the squid's suction cups for a non-skid applique. "In my case, I think the squid may have saved a life."

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33 Family car
35 Plug, briefly
37 Elevator button
38 Four-bagger
39 Previously owned
43 All there, mentally
45 Peer of the realm
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51 Unpretentious
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60 Low, heavy carts
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62 Gloom's partner
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65 Greek cheese
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72 Foul odor
74 Acupuncture tool
76 Edgy
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81 Salesman's stock
82 Type of committee (2 wds)
83 Not now
84 The ends of the earth
85 Forecasters
88 The Red —
89 Do a doubletake
90 Crucial, essential
91 Wait a while
93 Billfold
95 Knobby joints
97 Ebb and neap
99 Spring bloomers
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106 Fall guy
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Weekly World Humor

The census taker knocked on Mrs. May's door.

The elderly spinster was glad to answer all of his questions. However, when it came to the question of her age, she balked.

"But madam," the census taker assured her, "everyone tells me their age."

"Everyone?" she asked doubtfully.

"That's right."

"Even Daisy Hill down the street? And her brother, John, next door?"

"They did."

"In that case," said Mrs. May, "put me down as the same age."

The census taker wrote obligingly, "As old as the Hills."

"Julie!" screamed her mother, "why are you feeding birdseed to the cat?"

"I have to," Julie replied in a panic. "That's where my canary is!"

The rope was walking down the street and, feeling a bit thirsty, popped into a bar.

"Excuse me," he said to the bartender in his high, rope voice, "but I'd like a beer."

The bartender looked at him oddly. "Say, aren't you... a rope?"

"Yes, sir, I am."

The man's features going to serve beer to a rope!"

Dejected, the rope left and spotted a second bar down the street. Ambling in, he sat himself on a stool and asked the bartender for a beer.

"Hold on," said the bartender, "aren't you – a rope?"

"Yes, but I can pay..."

"Forget it!" snapped the bartender. "We don't cater to ropes in this establishment."

Mortified, the rope left. Noticing yet another bar down the road, the rope was determined not to be turned away again. Tangling himself up and vigorously rubbing both of his ends on concrete, he boldly strode into the bar.

"Pardon me," he said to the bartender, "but I'd like a beer."

minute," said the bartender, "aren't you a rope?"

"No," the rope replied, "I'm a frayed knot!"

Pity the floundering businesswoman who turned to the Bible for solace. Her luck: She opened right to Chapter Eleven.

Heloise stormed into the pet shop and confronted the owner. "I want to return this cat. You said it was good for mice, but all it does is lie there."

"So," the owner replied, "isn't that good for mice?"

"Perhaps," said the clerk to his customer, "your wife might like some cucumber soap for her birthday?"

"I don't think so," replied the husband. "She just rinses 'em off with water."

Hanson went to see an attorney.

"I need something to calm myself down," Hanson said.

"But I'm a lawyer, not a doctor."

"I know," said Hanson. "I need a divorce."

Then there was the divorce lawyer who described his job as helping women to get back their maiden aims.

Entering the bookstore, the blind man picked up his Seeing Eye dog by the hind legs and swung it up and down.

Stunned, the clerk came over and asked, "C-can I help you, sir?"

"No," replied the blind man. "Just browsing."

The elderly man attended the court proceedings for his brother, who was being tried for robbery. Throughout the summertime hearing, a young boy sat beside him. After a few days, the older man turned to the boy.

"Young man, are you on vacation?"

"Yes, sir."

"And are you a habitué of hearings like these?"

"Yes, sir," the boy replied, adding proudly, "My dad's the DA."

"Ah," the man replied. "So you're a son of a

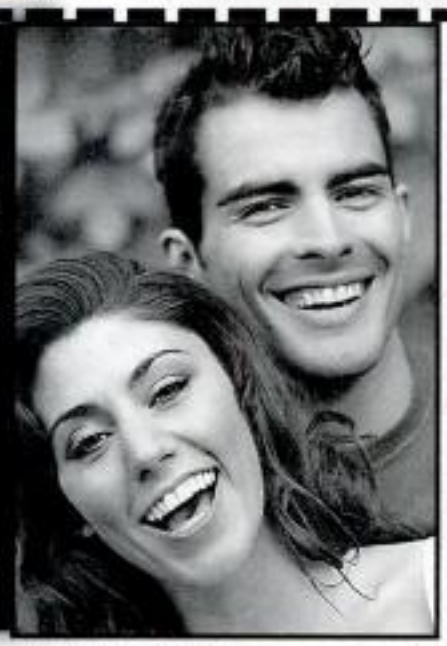
JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Invited to visit America, he cannibal chief accepted, but after a few days of hamburgers and hot dogs, he was desperate for a taste from home.

Having agreed to be interviewed by a newspaper, he asked the reporter, "What is your title at office?"

"Why, I'm travel editor," the journalist replied.

Licking his lips the cannibal leader said, "How would you like to be editor in chief?"



Q: What's the difference between cows and infants?

A: Cows turn water

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FOR YEARS, faithful readers of *Weekly World News* have been kept up to date on the most extraordinary events on Earth – and off. However, reading about the facts is one thing. Retaining them is another. Let's see how much you remember about our remarkable stories!

1. A member of Keenville High School's golf team was recently voted Offensive Player of the Year because:

a) He swears constantly.
b) He smells.
c) He's very ugly.
d) He's offensively bad at golf.

2. Extraterrestrials in New York City have been mutilating tofu because:

a) It is deadly to them.
b) They come from the planet Vega and bear hostility toward the product.
c) They are trying to corner the market.
d) They mistook it for cows.

3. Long suffering monks in Mexico are now walking their monastery's hard, stone floors in sandals made of:

a) Rubber.
b) Wolf skin.
c) Marshmallows.
d) Sponges.

4) Attorney Evan Piedmont was fired when it was discovered he'd only passed what kind of bar?

a) Tavern.
b) Salad bar.
c) Sand bar.
d) Candy bar.

5. In France, archeology student Janice Philips discovered an ancient Roman:

a) Chariot wash.
b) Arcade.
c) Fast food restaurant.
d) Drug store.

6. Bachelor Robert Malcolm discovered writing in his shower that was made from:

a) Tiles.
b) Shampoo.
c) Lipstick.
d) Mildew.

7. A new museum exhibit has disproved that all great men:

a) Have larger brains.
b) Are slightly insane.
c) Put their pants on one leg at a time.
d) Have a short-man "Napoleon" complex.

8. What kind of display was banned from a public school for failing to separate church and state:

a) Praying mantises.
b) Bible illustrations.
c) Church architecture.
d) The pope's wardrobe.

9. Dr. Karl Weisskrak invented an earpiece that feeds people what kind of information?

a) Pickup lines.
b) Test answers.
c) Comebacks.
d) Driving directions.

10. Twenty year-old Jeb Roberts' body exudes an

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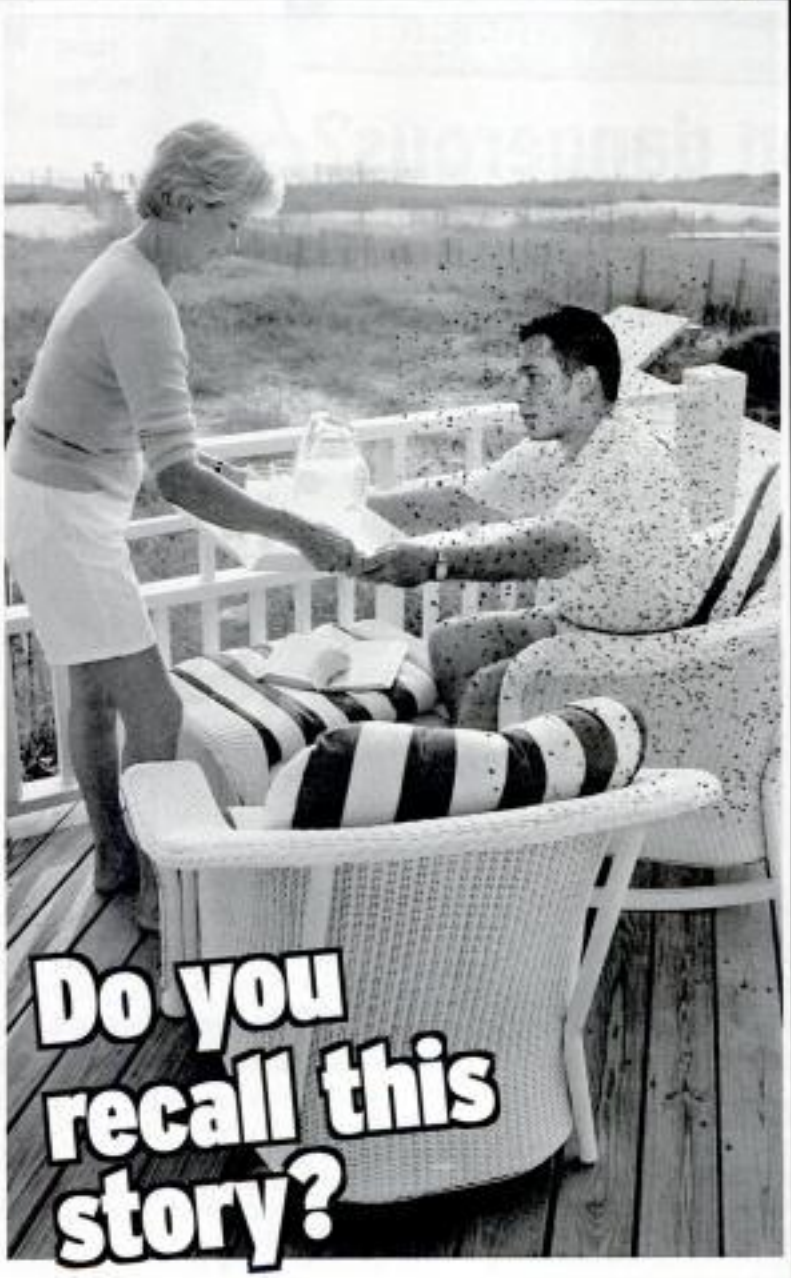

b) Poodles.
c) Mosquitoes.
d) Zombies.

11. Archaeologists claim that the original manuscript of Homer's *Iliad* was written on:
a) A rock.
b) A leg cast.
c) A toga.
d) An ancient computer.

12. What recently got caught in the beard of a department store Santa?
a) A Christmas tree.
b) Reindeer antlers.
c) An elf.
d) A baby.

13. Instead of breaking peoples' knees, mobster Paulie 'The Pushover' Bruno always breaks:
a) Hubcaps.
b) Fine china.
c) Elbows.
d) Hearts.

14. Amazingly, the eggs of Virgil Snepp's prophetic chicken Betty have what printed on them?
a) Road maps.
b) Weather maps.
c) Famous quotes.
d) Song lyrics.

15. What unlikely animals are now being used to sniff out contraband at Sunnyville Airport in Chicago?
a) Bunnies.
b) Ant eaters.
c) African Elephants.
d) Vultures.

16. What did eccentric sixty-one year-old Mildred Duvalier do with her deceased poodle?
a) Stuffed it.
b) Ate it.
c) Donated it for scientific research.
d) Turned it into a windup toy.

17. What kind of stationary was recently made illegal in Virginia?
b) Envelopes.
c) Legal pads.
d) Index cards.

18. Growers are tired of aspersions being cast on what fruit?
a) Prunes.
b) Lemons.
c) Figs.
d) Raspberries.

19. As a result of a class action lawsuit, the biker gang Schools Own Riders kind of people into their group?
a) Suburban dads.
b) School teachers.
c) Priests.
d) Children.

20. The Swiss invented a new cuckoo clock made out of:
a) Gold.
b) Sand.

ANSWERS

1 b) Both his breath and body odor were foul.
2 b)
3 a) Inspired by the popular Croc footwear, the sandals are called Frocs.
4 b) He also had a closet full of lawsuits. Blacks, grays, and blues.
5 c) The number of the restaurant, in Roman numerals, was MCD.
6 d) His mildew was trying to communicate with him.
7 c) Lincoln, for instance, jumped into his pants with both feet.
8 a)
9 c) It's called the Snapquest.
10 c) Roberts sells his sweat in vials to people who are bothered by mosquitoes.
11 b) The cast belonged to Achilles.
12 d) The actor playing Santa was so old, he didn't even notice.
13 a)
14 b) Since animals are in tune with the environment, animal behaviorists were not too surprised by Betty's ability.
15 c) It's called Operation Pachyderm.
16 d) That way, her pet still seemed to be alive.
17 c) The glaring yellow and great length of legal pads is considered a distraction in the workplace.
18 b) Referring to bad cars as 'lemons' puts them in a bad light.
19 a)
20 d) It keeps perfect time in your stomach.

NEXT WEEK: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF

Horse Sense

By Lester the Typing Horse

Once a sideshow attraction, he's now the nation's leading wellness expert

Is radiation dangerous?

Dear Mr. Horse: I was recently reading about victims of atomic radiation. Why is radiation dangerous? What exactly does it do to us?

— Kenny Brooks, Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Kenny: Radiation is made of many subatomic particles such as neutrons, electrons and alpha particles. These move through space at around 100,000 miles per second. When they hit the human (or horse) body they can easily penetrate it and damage many of its cells. These damaged cells can cause cancer to develop, or, if the particles hit reproductive cells, genetic defects.

However, I should mention that everything on the planet is hit by around 15,000 radioactive particles every second. They come from radioactive elements that have been a part of Earth since its creation. Only about one percent of fatal cancer is caused by this natural radiation.

Man-made radiation from leaky nuclear plants or atomic tests is the kind that creates dosages large enough to destroy living tissue. That's why I never liked the idea of getting X-rays. Fortunately, I don't need to go to the dentist and I've managed never to break my leg.

Take a gander at my goosebumps!

Dear Mr. Horse: What exactly are goose bumps?

— Walter Speakman, Danbury, Conn.

Dear Walter: This involuntary reaction to cold or fear, also called 'horripilation,' occurs when small muscles at the base of each hair shrink and pull the hair up straight.

In animals, the spreading hair is a response to fear or anger, making the animal look larger and more threatening. In humans, horripilation is simply vestigial and is primarily a response to cold (since the taut muscles offer less surface area and, thus, retain heat).

My throat hurts!

Dear Mr. Horse: What causes a sore throat?

— Gale Thomas, Springfield, Ill.

Dear Gale: A sore throat, or 'pharyngitis,' is an inflammation of the pharynx. Viruses are the main cause.

When you inhale a virus particle, it attaches to the cells lining the sinuses in your nose where it quickly multiplies. The fluid that contains these viruses then drips down your throat and attacks the mucous membranes in the pharynx, causing a sore throat.

There are also other causes — such as bacteria, measles, allergies, dry air and sinus drainage — but viruses are the worst because they don't respond to antibiotics. You just have to wait till the body can get rid of them, which can take up to a week.

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Coin counterfeiters?

Dear Mr. Chimp: Do you think the ancient people used to counterfeit money? I mean, it would seem pretty easy since they were just faces on metal.

– Bob Franklin, Dayton, Ohio

Dear Bob: People tried, though it was a lot more difficult to get away with back then. Most ancient currency consisted of coins. Obtaining metal was not so easy back then: it probably cost as much as the coins that were being forged!

On top of that, the face of coins changed with each new ruler. A counterfeiter in Rome might spend years creating a fortune of fake bronze sestertius with the face of, say, Caligula, only to find out that he was killed and replaced by Claudius Caesar.

In addition, the penalty for counterfeiting was more severe back then. Whereas a counterfeiter nowadays will get a few years in prison, an ancient Roman was maimed or put to death.

Charge it!

Dear Mr. Chimp: Credit cards used to be called 'charge' cards. Why the name change?

– Tom Willard, Boise, Idaho

Dear Tom: Actually, they aren't exactly the same thing. One is simply used a lot more now than it was ten years ago, back in the days when MasterCard was MasterCharge (and Visa was BankAmericard – remember that one?) Charges made on charge cards had to be paid-off in full each month, which is called 'installment credit.' Credit cards use 'revolving credit' which carries a balance forward and do not have a fixed amount of payments. Most people use both these terms interchangeably, unaware of the distinction.

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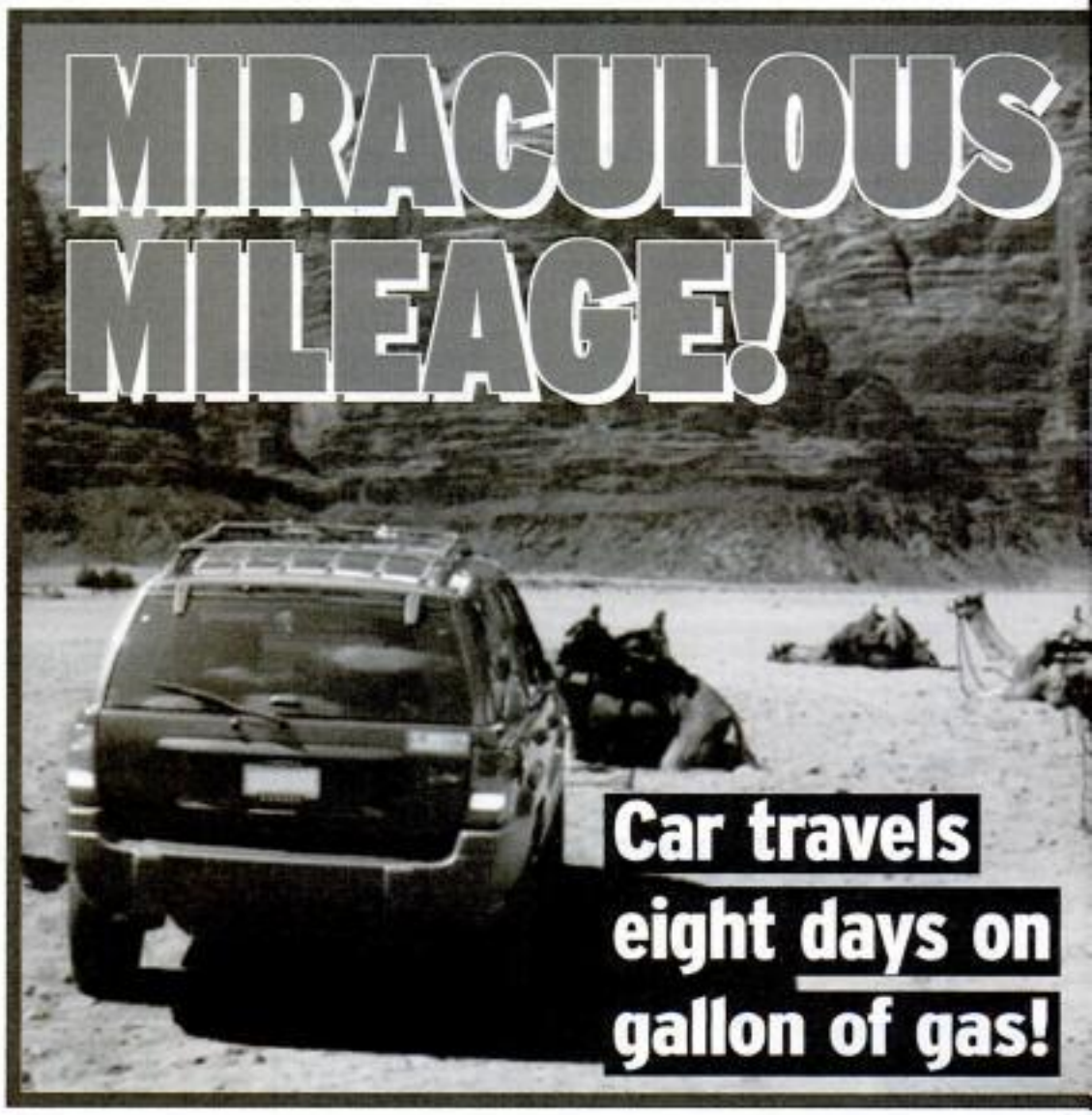


A RHYME OF ANCIENT MARINERS?

DUBB, Shetland Islands – The shifting sands of Sheltie Beach have offered up an ancient wreck that has completely stumped maritime archaeologists.

"The recovered artifact appears to be from seventeenth-century England," said Dr. Stanley Grimm. "It was clearly an unseaworthy craft – a small, nearly-round, oak vessel. We suspect the occupants may have been fleeing oppression, like modern-day

makes nautical sense."

The researchers found no navigational aids, steering devices, or sail material.

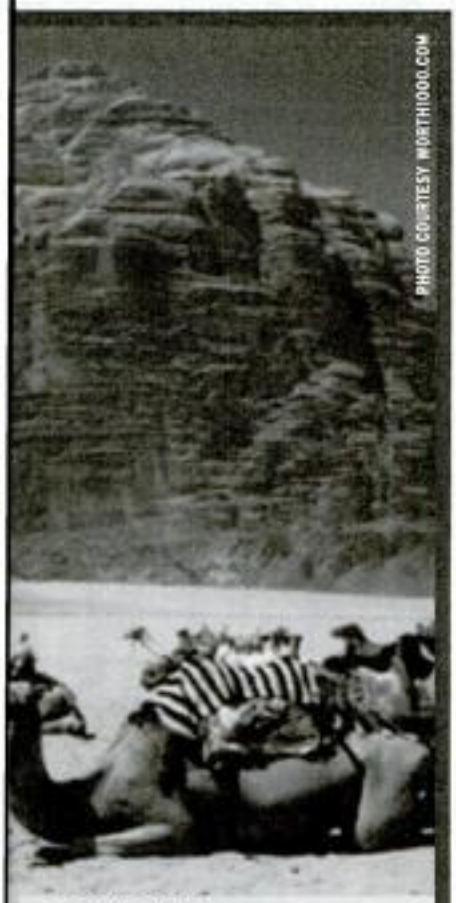
RUB A DUB DUB: Evidence suggests three men fled their homeland in this small vessel.

"We'd normally expect to find a bit of rope, maybe a

sea-faring nature," Dr. Grimm said. "But all the three male occupants appeared to carry with them were a faded map to a 'faire,' a meat cleaver and knife, a rolling pin and bread pans, and a candle mold and wicks."

In fact, after examining the clothing remnants, Dr. Grimm is beginning to doubt that the victims were even seamen.

"No experienced sailor would be foolish enough to cast off in such an unsafe tub," he concluded.



By DICK SIEGEL

MALI PIKON, Israel — An unlikely new manufacturer has thrown his yarmulke into the automotive ring. Israeli-born Har Tikvah has unveiled what some are calling a 'miracle car' — the *Maccabee 5000.*

"Named for the heroes of Hanukkah, the M-5000 is a new breed of economy class sports utility vehicle," Tikvah told *Weekly World News*. "It can withstand the most hazardous driving conditions — including windstorms and infestations of locusts — yet is stylish enough to please even the most sophisticated connoisseur."

Best of all, the M-5000 features engineering innovations that help the car get great gas mileage.

"The tailpipe has been shortened, allowing for more efficient fuel consumption," Tikvah said. "In fact, it can run for eight days non-stop on a single gallon of gas!"

The manufacturer also promises to replace any engine part that fails under 100,000 miles.

"We call that our 'fan gelt' warranty," he stated.

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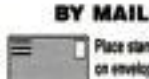

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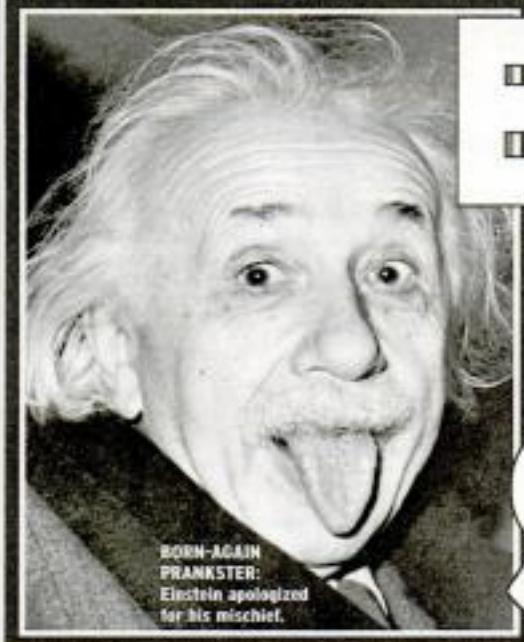


BORN-AGAIN PRANKSTER: Einstein apologized for his mischief.

EINSTEIN'S OUT AND SOMEONE!

By HENRY FISICK

HAMILTON, Ontario — Following the death of Albert Einstein, his brain was surgically removed and suspended in celloidin for study.

"The procedure was done to determine what made Einstein such a genius," said Dr. Elroy Jeston, a researcher at McMeister University in Ontario. "So far, the only discernable difference is that his brain cells were a little bigger than normal."

Until recently, the presence of Einstein's brain was the most unusual footnote in the history of the noted university. Recently, however, strange events have overshadowed the presence of the distinguished brain.

It began when dean of the university, Cliff Donovan, received a shocking call on his cell phone.

"A man with a German accent told me that my wife was out with another man," said Donovan. "When I asked who the caller was he laughed and hung up."

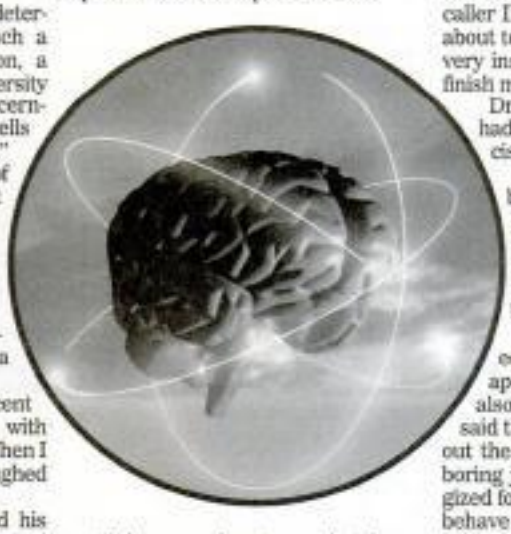
Donovan raced home to find his wife in bed, reading. The dean was relieved that the call was a prank, but he was angry with the unknown caller.

At the same time, Dr. Jeston noticed an odd change in the suspended brain of Einstein.

"The brain had begun to show signs of electrical activity," said Dr. Jeston. "I took some measurements and noticed that the cells were even larger."

"The next day a pizza delivery boy showed up at our office with 10 pies," said Ann Choffee, a secretary at the university. "When I asked who had ordered them, the kid said 'Albert.' "

News of the pizza reached Dr. Jeston, who had noticed another spike in the brain's power levels.



"It became clear to me that, however improbable, the brain was alive again," Dr. Jeston said. "My guess was that the solution had helped it soak up reactivating microwaves from satellite dishes and cell phones. That would explain how the brain developed a wireless capability."

Reports continued to come in from all over the university about odd cell phone calls. One in particular seemed to support Dr. Jeston's conclusion.

"I was stuck on my dissertation about super symmetric quantum field theory when I got a call from some guy claiming to be Einstein," said student Jennifer Shaw. "My caller ID said 'out of area' and I was about to hang up when he gave me a very insightful suggestion on how to finish my paper."

Dr. Jeston knew that something had to be done to stop the physicist's meddling.

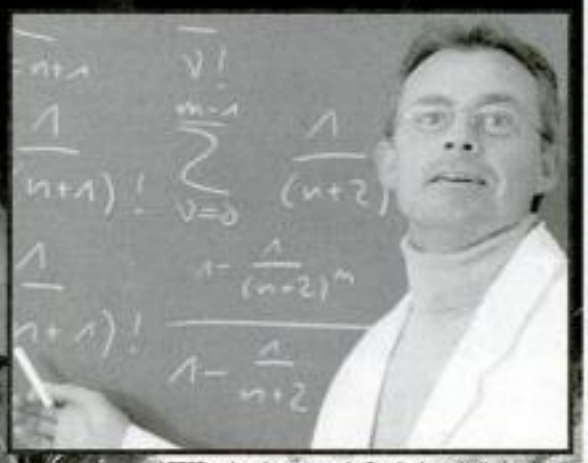
"Dr. Donovan and I had been discussing the havoc that could be wreaked by a rampaging superbrain. The possibilities were terrifying, so we decided to drain the brain jar and put an end to it.

"But then Einstein contacted us by conference call. He apologized for the pranks — also for the atom bomb — and said that being reborn had brought out the kid in him. He admitted it's boring just being a brain, but apologized for his actions and promised to behave himself if we would let him be."

Donovan and Jeston agreed, and things at the university went back to normal — with a few minor exceptions.

"This morning I woke up to find that my cell phone had turned itself on," said senior Josh Brown. "Someone had been playing chess. But the strangest part was a text message to the Psychiatric Historical Society of Vienna: 'Ha! I win again, Sigmund!' "

BRAIN REACHES TOUCHES



AFTER extensive research, Dr. Jeston attributes the rejuvenation of Einstein's brain to its absorption of reactivating microwaves from satellite dishes and cell phones, which led to its wireless capability.

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WORLD'S WORST!

GENIUS

'Some of the greatest scientists have accidentally made history'

By MICHAEL ROVIN

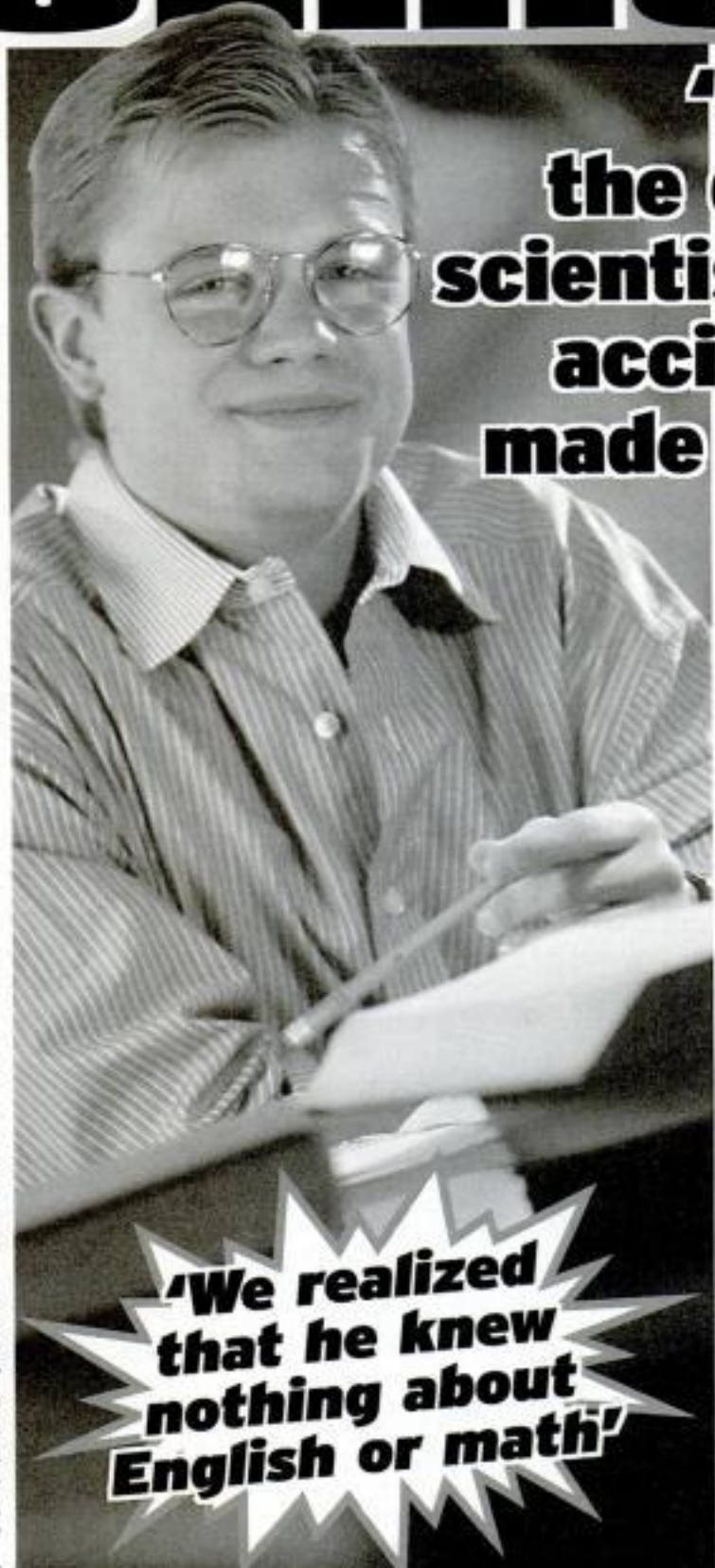
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — For over a week, members of the Cerebrus Prize committee have been struggling to decide whether or not to award the coveted Cerebrus Prize in Physiology or Medicine to controversial genius Bill Fasil.

"Mr. Fasil discovered a fast-acting, drug-free cure for headaches," said committee member James Stavis. "However, we aren't entirely sure how much credit he deserves. Looking back on his career, we have concluded that he should, instead, get the award for being the World's Worst Genius."

Fasil first came to the attention of universities at the age of seventeen when he took college entrance examinations.

"It's true that he got a perfect score," said exam spokesperson Stanley Howard. "But I'm convinced it was luck. All of the spaces he filled in on the test happened to create a pattern that spelled his name and address. It just so happened the correct answers *were* his name and address. We realized that he knew nothing about English or math."

Accepted to Upper Boston Tech based on the strength of his scores, Fasil astounded physics professor Lawrence Perry when he provided the missing data that proved the correlation of the celestial mega-phenomenon superstring with human DNA. "I had left my calculations on the board,



Fasil had erased one of them and had written the numbers '555 3326' in its place. I couldn't believe it, but that figure proved the theory for me. There was a silly rumor that he was actually writing down a girl's phone number, but I don't buy it. What were the chances?"

The same as getting a perfect college entrance score by chance, some professors say.

Now the Cerebrus Prize committee is trying to determine whether Fasil's medical discovery is legitimate.

"I discovered that hanging upside-down alleviates all headaches," said Fasil. "I was climbing a tree to look into the girl's dorm when I slipped. All the blood rushed to the head as I dangled on a branch, then saved me from getting a headache when, a moment later, I actually fell on a rock. The fact that it was an accident doesn't make my discovery any less valid. Some of the greatest scientists have accidentally made history, like Picasso and Mozart."

"I'm crossing my fingers for him," said professor Perry. "I don't think he's the World's Worst Genius. I prefer to think of him as the

WWN HOROSCOPE

BY MADAME MALISA

Renowned medium & psychic

Your weekly star guide

Jan. 1 – Jan. 8

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

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AQUARIUS	20, 41, 21, 19, 49, 4
PISCES	31, 33, 25, 22, 11, 5

If your birthday is this week...

You're hot and you know it. This will be the year to show your friends, your family, and your partner just how hot you can be. This will determine your success at work so it's all up to you to take control.

If you think advancement is due, this will be the year to go after it.

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

This is a week for deep contemplation. You'll find yourself quiet and thinking about your spirit and place in the world. Indulge the moment since it comes to you all too rarely.

Feed your soul with information from books or clergy and then share your conclusions with friends. Their reactions will be a surprise and provide some unexpected comfort.

Embrace it and them.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

A new year means it's time to get your home in order. Put away the decorations and then give the house a thorough cleaning to set the tone.

Do not undertake this task by yourself.

Don't let problems mount. Tackle them as they arise, or it will be a difficult winter. At first you may feel overwhelmed, but you can handle it.

Seek help if you feel overwhelmed.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Someone will make an offer, and it will be very tempting, but make certain you understand the ramifications. If there are uncomfortable strings attached, feel free to say no.

If things sound genuine, then it could improve your life and is worth accepting.

Do not let this offer distract you from work. This, too, requires your attention this week and should not be ignored.

CANCER

June. 21 – July 22

Before accepting new responsibilities or new debt, take care of all outstanding obligations. Get the bills paid, check your cash flow and be certain you're ready before saying yes to any new purchase or commitment. But once you accept, give it the attention it deserves, or there will be trouble over the summer.

Consult your partner along the way since what you decide will affect all those around you.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

Your take-charge personality will be confused as you endure a series of awkward encounters. Don't lash out because there could be trouble. Instead, accept the circumstances because they will be temporary ones.

When they pass, go out and treat yourself.

It is a good time for you and your partner to laugh together. You both will need it.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

A veil is lifted from your eyes and your heart, and the world suddenly begins making sense to you. Everything you've been confounded by will gain focus and point out a direction for your life and career.

This new direction should be followed because you have been preparing for this moment. Do not heed the negative tone of your friends.

One reaction, in particular, will be a surprise.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

It's a work week, and you need to concentrate on your affairs. Make sure you have the desk organized and the calendar prepped for the coming year.

It is OK to ask your family to let business take priority. Take a chance on a deal or partnership that has been long developing. You've worked toward this moment, so go for it.

The time is right for your career to move forward under your direction.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Lighten up and have a good week. It's been a while since you had one.

Indulge in a little whimsy at work; maybe try someplace new for lunch. Bring along someone you don't normally spend time with. This may bring some opportunities.

Surprise your friends or family with an outrageous outfit and show off your playful side. The reactions will be well worth it.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Family will preoccupy you this week and give them the attention they need.

Your helping hand will be rewarded in the times to come.

Take comfort in being needed, but be certain you allow yourself time to rest and recover as well.

This is a good week to eat especially healthfully.

This week may feel oppressive, but dress to cheer yourself up.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

The end of the year tends toward the magical, and you will be surprised at the breakthroughs you make at work. Make certain others know of your progress. That will be important later.

Much the same will happen with existing relationships, but leave yourself open for the chance to make a new friend or lover.

Be careful when a Pisces gains prominence in your life.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

This may be a trying week, but things will slowly improve with each passing day. Take note of this and use it to get through the rough patches. Proper sleep will be an essential survival tool.

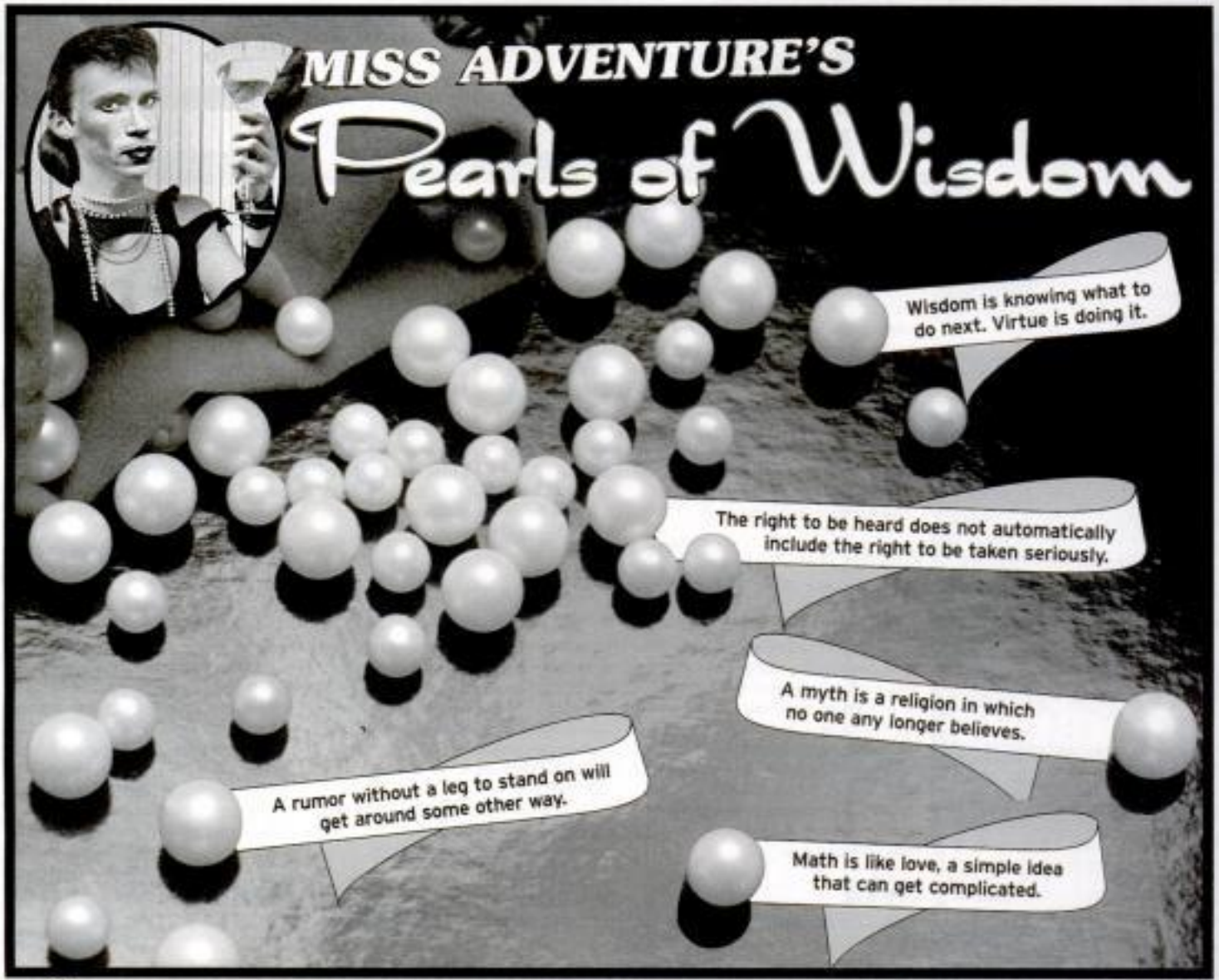
Make certain you give work and home equal attention despite the temptation to blow off business for the sake of holiday fun. Do not lose sight of the importance of your family as you struggle.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

A month of holiday partying will take its toll, and your health will suffer. Use your time in bed to reflect on the good and bad, mentally resolving what you will do differently in the New Year. Apply this to work, home and family — neglect nothing.

Accept the help of friends, so you have the strength to recuperate completely. Be prepared to reciprocate in the weeks ahead.



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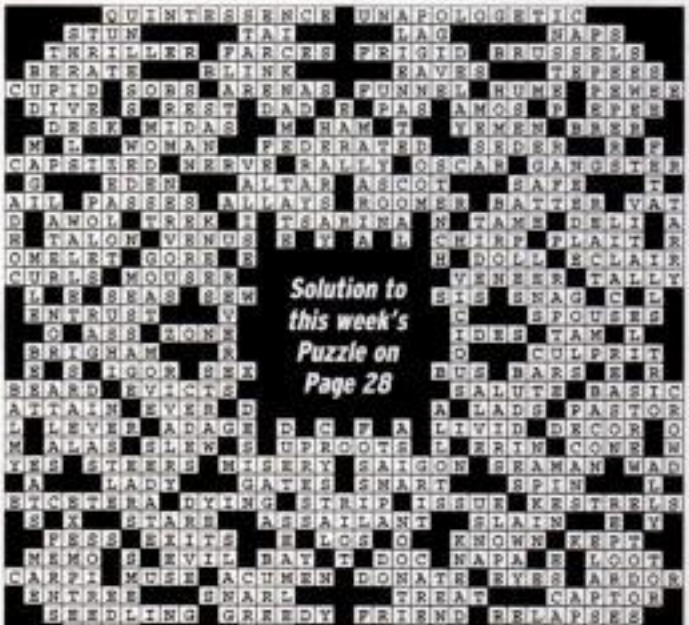

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXTREME OPINION

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BY ED ANGER

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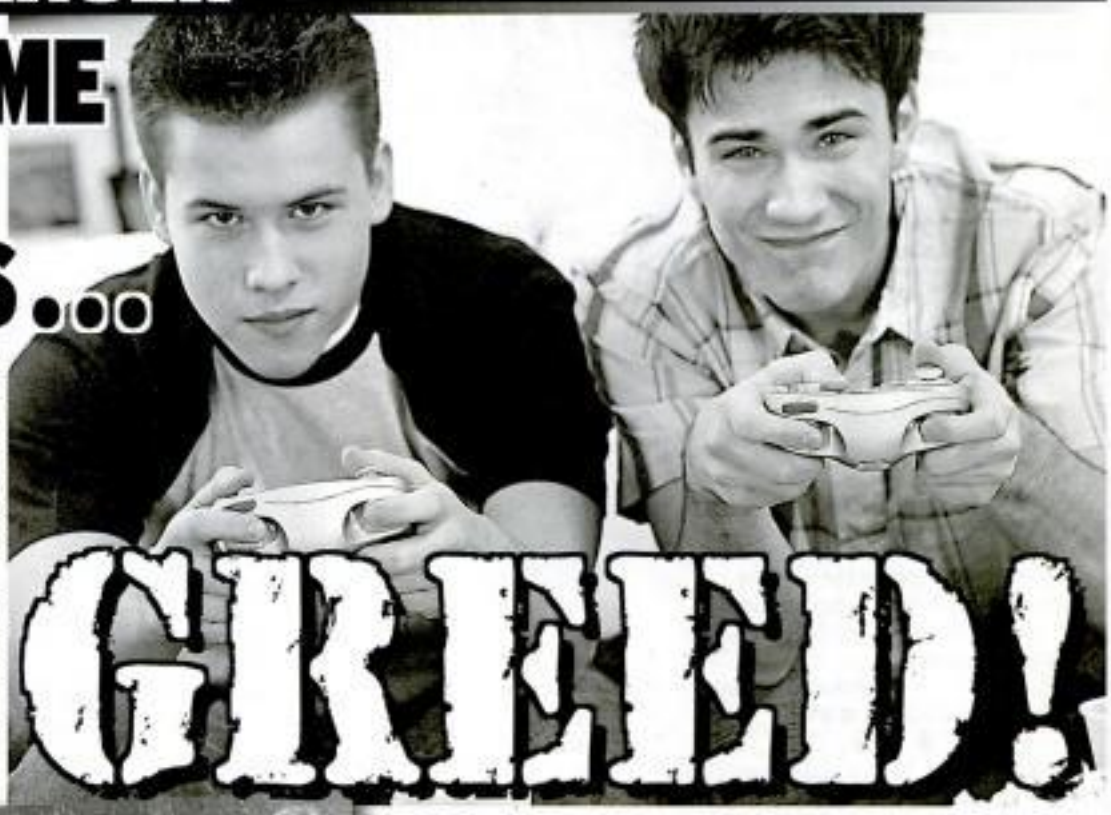


GREED!

I'M ANGRIER than a honey bear in a swarm of bees now that I've had a chance to observe the lengths some folks will go to 'keep up with the Joneses,' especially in the name of 'fun.'

This Christmas season has shown us once again that corporate greed coupled with planned obsolescence has a stranglehold on our nation's youth in the form of videogames.

I'm not talking about how violent the games are. That in itself doesn't trouble me. After all, it was the generation that grew up on violent TV westerns that took to the streets to protest Vietnam. No, I'm talking about the lengths people will go to get these games — and more importantly *why* they want 'em so bad.

WHAT happened to the good ole days, when kids played outside?

When two companies released major upgrades to their systems — Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii — just prior to Thanksgiving, naturally, people went plumb nuts to get one. (Even though, it turns out, not all their older games can be played — information that was withheld until the frenzy was at its peak.)

Due to manufacturing problems, demand far outweighed supply. Millions of units were wanted to be the first to play these new models. Others wanted to resell them for a quick profit on eBay. A number of corrupt folks used the opportunity to systems at gunpoint.

Waiting in line for a major event like a concert or movie for a couple of hours is fine but waiting *days* to drop $500 to be first on your block to acquire a *toy*? I don't get that any more than I get the 'gamer mentality.'

In my day, we played in the backyard, and with a little imagination, we could be anyone we wanted to be. Whether we were Tarzan or Hopalong Cassidy, we got fresh air and exercise as we chased each other around. These modern gamers sit for hours in front of consoles where the only part of their body that gets a workout is their digits. Not that there's anything inherently wrong with that. What's bad is when they do it to the exclusion of all else.

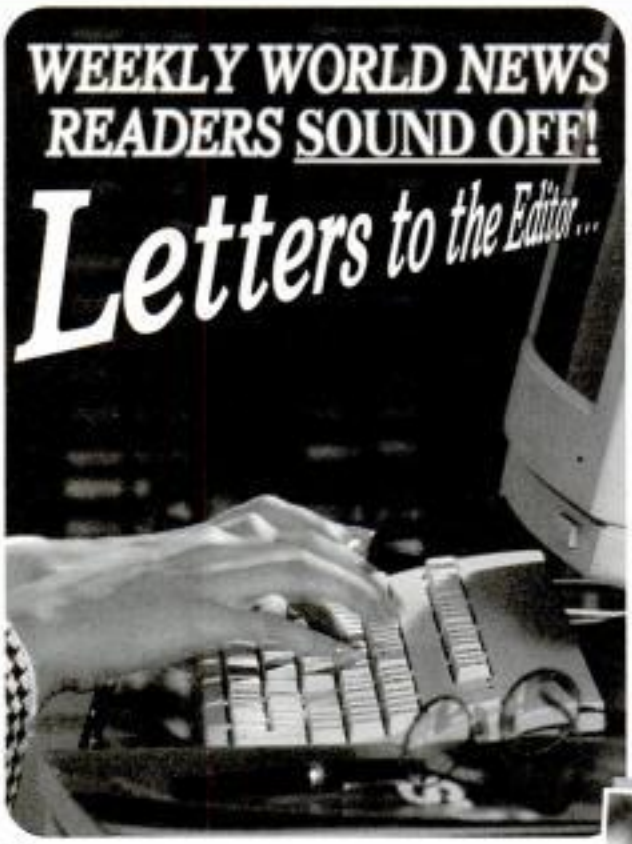
Doctors tell us that today's youth are obese. And socially girls they know raid tombs.

If parents taught their children moderation and strictly limited the amount of time allotted to gaming, kids might want to pursue truly creative outlets — like painting or writing or dancing. Not only would their minds be stimulated but children may be better suited to succeed in the 'real world.' They'll have to respond to situations that require thinking and verbal ability. Right now, all the generation of videogamers will be good for is creating new videogames — or joining the military.

A quick word of advice to gamers. This is more than just the gift-giving, gift-buying, game-playing time of year. It's a time for another form of recreation. You want action? Nothing says 'game play' like a good old fashioned snowball fight!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS SOUND OFF!

Letters to the Editor...



DEAR EDITOR: I used an ATM at this strange bank in Vegas. Instead of dispensing my cash I got a printed message saying, "Are you sure you wanna withdraw that twenty?" I tried withdrawing again and the ATM printed out, "Can I borrow a ten?" The machine pushed a few more of *my* buttons before I went looking for another bank. Have you ever heard of such a weird machine?

– Justin O'Grady, Eloy, Ariz.

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Actually, we have. Vegas has these machines where people put money in and usually get nothing out!

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Dear Editor: My town had been under a tornado watch all week. I was on the couch the other day reading the *Weekly World News* and started wondering 'What's worse than a tornado?' Well, I looked out my window just as the *real* tornado hit and I got my answer. The tornado ran right through the knife factory in the middle of town and began gutting the rest of the community. Man, that was a lot worse!

– C. Wilkes, Merriam, Kan.

Talk about a knifing wind!

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Dear Editor: Thirty years ago I got lost while hiking and stumbled upon a secret military base near this really tall rock. There were many flashing lights like a rock concert and the troops were being entertained by singing flying saucers. I think my story would make such a great movie! Am I the first to suggest an encounter like this for the big screen?

– Bo Evers, Devil's Tower, Wyo.

Not even 'close.'

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Dear Editor: My former wife and I (we're pop stars – OK, well, she is) loved spending quality time with our kids. Now that I'm flying solo I want to go out at night while I can still meet women (before they forget who I was). Thing is, I get custody of the kids some weekends. A friend recommended this family-friendly bar that has VIP high chairs and 'bottle service' for babies, too! Have you ever heard of anything like that?

– K.F., Hollywood, Calif.

No. But it sounds like a good second-career step for you.

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Dear Editor: I'm concerned that my plants didn't die of natural causes. I'm no 'florensic' scientist, but I know that plants don't usually burst into flames. I had them on the frosty windowsill, then one day I came home and they were burnt to a crisp. Are sunflowers known to self-combust?

– Tina Goliath, Baltimore, Md.

Only when they come in matched pairs.

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Dear Editor: My grandparents accidentally burned my

DEAR EDITOR: My chickens and my grill have all gone missing. I saw something saucer-like land in my field. It had a strange orange glow inside it. Either aliens have abducted my poultry, or my animals are revolting. I just wanted to warn people that this was going on.

– C. Sanders, Hickory, N.C.

DEAR EDITOR: I'd finally put an end to those annoying calls from telemarketers but now I'm being harassed by something much worse: telepathic marketers! I'll have to admit, it's pretty amazing: they call when they *know* I'm home making dinner. Of course, if they were *really* good telepaths they should know not to call 'cause they're going to get a piece of my mind!

– Meredith Walker, Palm Bay, Fla.

Our resident psychic, Madame Malisa, points out that a real telepath wouldn't use the phone but would blanket the neighborhood with brain waves. She says that this technique is

Letter of the Week

DEAR EDITOR: I watched the stunning mermaid press conference on your Web site and I can't believe how many thousands of fine mermaids have gotten caught in fishing nets. I love tuna melts, but they're not worth trapping all the 'fish in the sea.' But mermaids aren't the only endangered women I support. I'll never forget the night I spent all my money protecting an attractive bunch of 'birdmaids.' Cause if it wasn't for me, all those beautiful creatures would still be locked in cages!

Business had never been better and I ended up gambling in Atlantic City. On my first day there I was feeding a slot machine, after tossing back a few, when these dazzling, six-foot-tall, half-bird women started bringing me drinks. Their heads were elaborately feathered, and their tail plumes were in full display as they strutted around.

Three hours passed. The parading mama birds kept bringing me drink after drink. I stayed in the same seat so they could find me easily, but I was more worried about them getting in trouble over all the free drinks. I figured someone would eventually notice. And sure enough, the guy on the slot machine next to me had a problem with the special attention I'd received. He'd been sitting there a while without winning or getting served and he was about to go nuts.

A birdmaid named Lisa came around again and the guy started screaming at her. The 'chick' looked at me and I knew she needed help. Unfortunately my legs were stiff from sitting all day and I failed to get up in time to stop the guy's unwanted advances. Lisa took a swing and let him have it, but the unchivalrous guy let her have it even harder and knocked her out. The other birdmaids caught sight of the struggle and quickly converged on the scene. Led by a gorilla of a man, the maids and I started scrapping with the guy. Feathers were flying everywhere as more security arrived and finally pried everyone apart.

We were escorted from the casino and held for immediate questioning by the police. Thanks to several flattering testimonies from the birdmaids, I was set free and told never to come back. The beautiful birdmaids, however, were not so lucky. Everyone but me was cuffed and taken downtown. I tailed the police car in a cab and less than an hour later had the entire gaggle of girls bailed from jail. Obviously, though I liberated the jail birds, I left the troubled gambler behind real 'bars.'

Ultimately I spent everything I had and had nothing to show for it, but helping those birdmaids was worth it. I haven't gone back to see how they are doing because I'm afraid I might run off with them. I understand why sailors sometimes fall for the 'siren' call of their finned counterparts and wish the mermaids all the best.

– Josiah Smith, Freehold, N.J.

house to the ground. Everyone ended up OK but, sadly, nothing was left standing – except the giant clock that we found my grandfather hidden in. Fortunately, he only suffered a couple mild 'strokes.'

– Henry Work, Middletown, Conn.

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Dear Editor: I was in a cab headed uptown when a guy on a bicycle scratched the side of the taxi. My driver swerved and ran the negligent peddler off the road! I couldn't stand such hostility, so I asked the driver to drop me off at the next corner. I paid the man and lectured him as I exited the cab. "Two wrongs don't make a right," I said coldly. And as I closed the door he shouted back, "No, but three *lefts* do!"

– Jennifer Humphrey, New York, N.Y.

Sometimes a wise guy can be a wise guy!

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Dear Editor: I recently vacationed at this shabby resort in Mexico. This kooky man invited me to relax in the hot tub and I accepted. I was in the hot tub no more than five minutes when the man began tossing in onions and carrots. I made up some story about being allergic to onions and got out of there pretty quick. I'm not sure, but I think I was about to become stew cubed!

– Stu Stewart, Sugarland, Texas

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Dear Editor: I'm currently being sued by my home city of Gary, Indiana. They're trying to legally block me from using my wonderful name. I am counter-suing for all the pain and suffering this has caused me. I'm guessing the Supreme Court may end up having to decide this case, but I wanted you to be the first to know!

– Gary Indiana, Gary, Ind.

Thanks. Now that we know, you won't have to say it once again.

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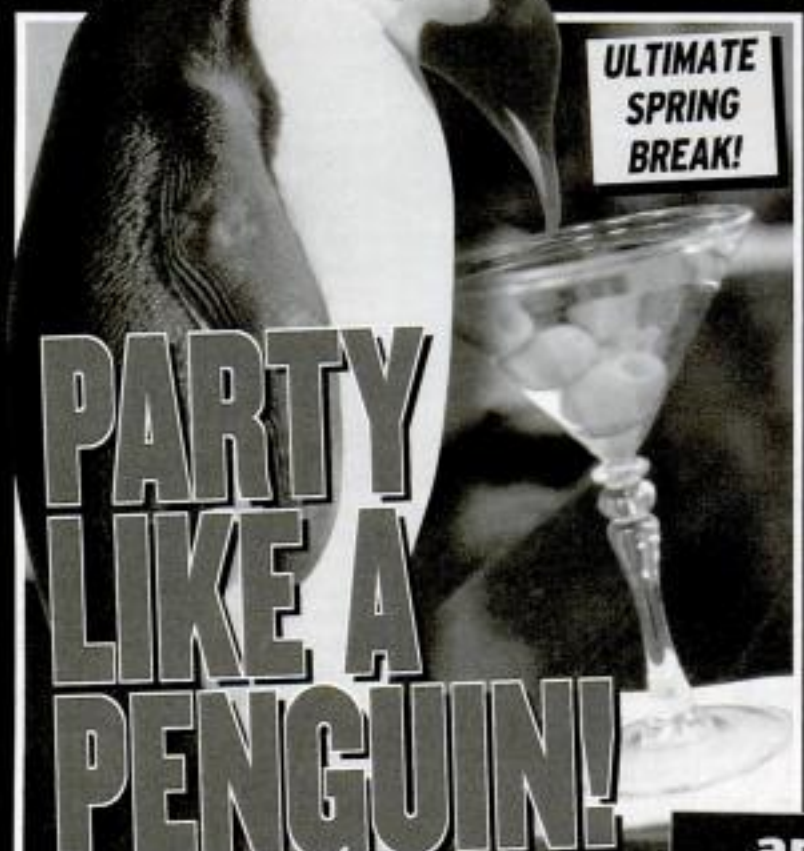

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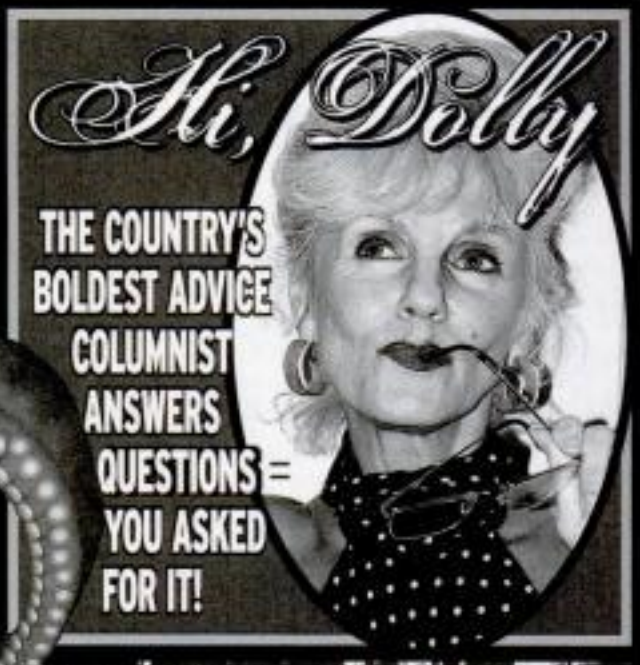

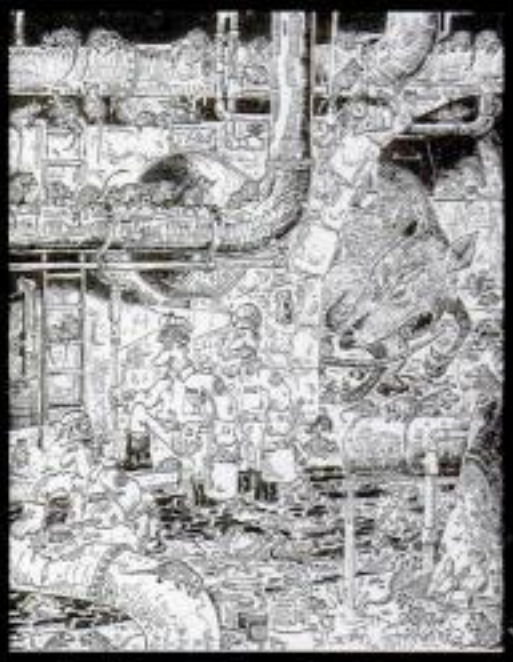

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